

Zena Abu Zarka



Short Biography

Zena Abu Zarka is from a small village called Arara. She is a Muslim Palestinian Arab girl who lives in Israel. Zena is 17 years old and currently in her final year of high-school in Kfar Qara. Through her life she had many chances to meet Jewish people from around the country. Zena's parents had a lot of Jewish friends and they worked with them since forever. Heart to Heart gave her the opportunity not only to meet Jewish people, but also to meet Jewish people who she shares the same age. Being a part of Heart to Heart taught her that no matter how different we are, at some point we have those little things that both sides share, and these little things always matter. Since Heart to Heart, Zena has learned that accepting others and their differences is the way to make a change, because if she starts accepting then others will too, and that's how peace will appear. Last year Zena continued the journey of Jewish and Palestinian coexistence and participated in Givat Haviva's "Through Other's Eyes" program where she honed her photography skills and did various projects on the subject of Jewish Palestinian relations and shared society.