



Boys clearing earth road block, Ramallah

*There is a severe humanitarian crisis in the West Bank and Gaza. As individuals we can reach out to people who feel desperately isolated.*



Construction of the Apartheid Wall

*"We are in the camp because of poorness and occupation. My father is not in prison but if you are in prison or out of prison, it is the same - all Palestinians are in a big jail. In the camp, every day is the same. You go to school and come back. You go around the camp but you cannot move to anywhere else. It's very hard. There is no safety. You may go out and not come back. I have seen children in the streets, homeless. It is part of every day life".*

### Mohammed Al-Salhi

One of the teenagers who was part of the 2007 Palestinian children's visit organised by ORFA.

**ORFA** is a non-sectarian voluntary organisation building links between civil society groups and individuals in Oxford, U.K and Ramallah, Palestine.

Our main aim is to offer people in Ramallah support in terms of making their stories known and to reduce their sense of isolation and desperation. **ORFA** is also concerned with human contact to promote understanding and friendship.

The project of forming friendship links between Oxford and Ramallah originated in March 2002, when Israeli tanks rolled into Ramallah. Volunteer observers from Oxford who were in Ramallah at the time called for support. So we formed the Oxford-Ramallah Friendship Association which includes a wide range of people. As cities, Ramallah and Oxford have many similarities. Everyday life, however is very different due to the military occupation of Palestine by the Israeli Defence Force.

**ORFA** has sent a number of delegations from Oxford to Ramallah to meet people with whom they have something in common, such as working in the same industry. These delegations have been funded by the participants themselves, but **ORFA** organises and raises funds for return visits from Ramallah residents.

**ORFA** needs your help to bring  
**8 children & 2 adults**  
from the **Al Amari** refugee camp in Ramallah  
to Oxford  
**Summer 2010**

The project will give the children the opportunity to broaden their horizons, move without barriers and break their sense of isolation. This visit will be both educational and allow valuable time away from their difficult routine.

We need your help and a few of your **£££** !  
Every donation will make a difference

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| <b>£3</b>   | <i>Will cover the cost of refreshments</i>            |
| <b>£20</b>  | <i>Will contribute towards transportation costs</i>   |
| <b>£150</b> | <i>1 night's accommodation in Amman for the group</i> |
| <b>£550</b> | <i>Return flight to Amman</i>                         |

This will be the third project of this nature that **ORFA** has funded and organised. For further information on this, other accomplishments or if you would like to **donate** (via PayPal) please visit our website:

[www.oxford-ramallah.org](http://www.oxford-ramallah.org)



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