

Palestinian & Jewish leaders visit London to promote their plan for a shared future

The [New Israel Fund](#) [NIF] globally are the largest organisation supporting democracy and equality for all living in Israel.

[Yachad](#) is a British Jewish organisation whose primary mission is to empower British Jews to support a political resolution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict.

NIF & Yachad are bringing leaders from **Standing Together** - the largest Jewish-Arab grassroots movement in Israel – to London for a series of events with British leaders and the British Jewish Community.

[Standing Together](#) is an Israeli movement of Jews and Palestinians, working towards peace, equality and social justice and increasing Jewish-Arab partnership. Their work includes campaigning to raise the minimum wage and growing Arab participation in Israeli politics. Right now Standing Together are running 15 joint Jewish and Arabs community patrols across the country to protect local residents, regardless of religion or ethnic background. The unarmed groups are tasked with trying to keep the streets calm as the war evolves.

Rula Daood (national co-director) and Uri Weltmann (national organiser) will be a conversation at a [large public event in Finchley on Wednesday 13 December at 7:30pm.](#)

If you would like to interview the leaders of Standing Together and/or attend this event, please contact Ben Combe: +44 7715 280 512 / ben@uknif.org

Standing Together in the media

Standing Together have become one of the most [prominent voices for equality and shared society in Israeli media](#). They have appeared in media across the world since Hamas' attack on 7 October. This includes on [Sky News](#) and [BBC Radio](#) in the UK and [CNN](#) and the [New York Times](#) in the United States.

Speakers

Rula Daood is the National co-Director of Standing Together and speech pathologist by profession. She is a Palestinian citizen of Israel, born and raised in the Galilee village of Kafr Yasif. Rula began her activism in her home city and later became involved in promoting Jewish-Arab partnership in mixed (Jewish-Arab) cities. Before joining Standing Together, she worked as a community organiser, running events and protests that drew hundreds of activists.

Uri Weltmann is National Field Organiser for Standing Together, and a founding member of the movement in 2015. A long-time peace and anti-occupation activist, he also has a background in neighbourhood community organising and LGBT political organising. Born 1984, he lives in Tel-Aviv with his partner and their two daughters. He is a teacher by profession.

About the New Israel Fund

The New Israel Fund stands for a **just, safe and equal Israel**. We partner with and fund Israeli organisations that:

- Empower minorities and marginalised people
- Defend human rights for Israelis and Palestinians
- Advance partnership between Arabs and Jews

Spanning five decades, working in Israel, USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Germany & Switzerland, the New Israel Fund has raised £300M+ to found, fund and support hundreds of Human Rights and Social Justice organisations.

Our crisis appeal – **safety for all Israelis** is:

- **Housing 30,000 evacuees** at one hundred kibbutzim, providing **health, care and activities for children**.
- Funding the **Families forum to return the missing and kidnapped**.
- Supporting Tzedek Centres and Hashomer Hatzair to **host families from Ashkelon, Sderot, Ofakim, Nativot and the surrounding areas** at Givat Haviva, and run educational activities for their children.
- Working with Hehalutz in three communities who have been evacuated **coordinating thousands of young adult volunteers to locate missing people; match families with hosts; access emotional support** by a senior psychologist; clean out shelters and provide day care for children of medical personnel.
- Offering assistance to **hundreds of residents of Bedouin villages in temporary shelters in Miztpe Ramon**.
- Assisting the Council of the Unrecognized Villages have already **distributed 2,000 food parcels, 2000 first aid kits, 100 mobile safe rooms located near vulnerable villagers, and 500 emergency water tanks**.
- Funding Physicians for Human Rights Israel [PHRI] to set-up a makeshift clinic offering vital medication, personal hygiene products, and equipment to those in need, as well as emotional support.
- Working with ASSAF (Aid Organization for **Refugees and Asylum Seekers** in Israel) assisting **200 families living in areas affected by the war**. They are now providing them with secure temporary accommodation, food packages, essentials such as formula and nappies, and multilingual mental health support.
- Expanding trauma support with NATAL – **National Trauma Victims**. NATAL's hotline has been overwhelmed. We are **enabling them to recruit volunteers, train therapists, and offer emergency clinical assistance**.
- Funding LANA's **work with 600 children with special needs from displaced Bedouin communities**.

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