



UK Task Force

on issues relating to Arab citizens of Israel

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UK Task Force Members Co-funding Bid

- As a result of the Task Force study trip to the Galilee in January 2011 and a roundtable at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in June 2011, four members of the Task Force coalition (New Israel Fund UK, Pears Foundation, Samuel Sebba Charitable Trust and UJIA) put in a joint application to the British Embassy to offer co-funding of four projects, in line with the British Embassy's criteria, to advance shared priorities in regards to the integration and empowerment of Arab communities in Israel.
- The co-funding bid was successful and the recipients of the funding include:
 - Tsofen High Technology Centres, which works to integrate Arab engineering graduates into the High Tech sector.
 - A project to increase volunteering among young Jewish and Arab school-leavers in the Negev delivered by Arab Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation (AJEEC).
 - Two Mixed Cities projects in Acco and Lod, delivered by NIF and its social action arm Shatil to build civic links between the cities' Jewish and Arab populations.
- The projects selected seek to address needs of Arab communities in the north, centre and south of Israel, thus achieving a geographic spread reflective of the diverse Arab communities in Israel. The selections arise in part from the visits undertaken during the Task Force study trip to Nazareth and Acre in January. Each project is delivered by organisations with a track record of success, sustainability and transparency.

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