



# Sheffield PSC: Children's Projects in Gaza.

## Newsletter Summer 2021

### Children of Gaza today.

The children of Gaza have witnessed yet another bombardment by Israel. In this attack, at least 250 were killed, among them 67 children. Many families suffered multiple deaths: in some cases there was just one survivor.

In addition to the loss of life, massive damage has been done to essential services: schools, hospitals, power and water networks, masjids, banks, roads and, of course, homes.

Attacks were made on the already depleted health infrastructure: 22 more facilities were damaged, injuring, and also killing, essential health workers, including two senior doctors.

Israeli journalist Amira Hass said that such incidents are "not mistakes". She added, "The (Israeli) army knows the number and names of children, women and elderly who live in every residential building it bombs."

This wanton destruction adds to the list of war crimes which the International Criminal Court is set to investigate. Meanwhile the children and their families pick up the pieces and carry on.

**We pledge our ongoing commitment to  
the Children's Centres we support in  
Gaza.**



Beit Hanoun, Gaza, 12th May 2021

### Celebrating Eid, celebrating survival.

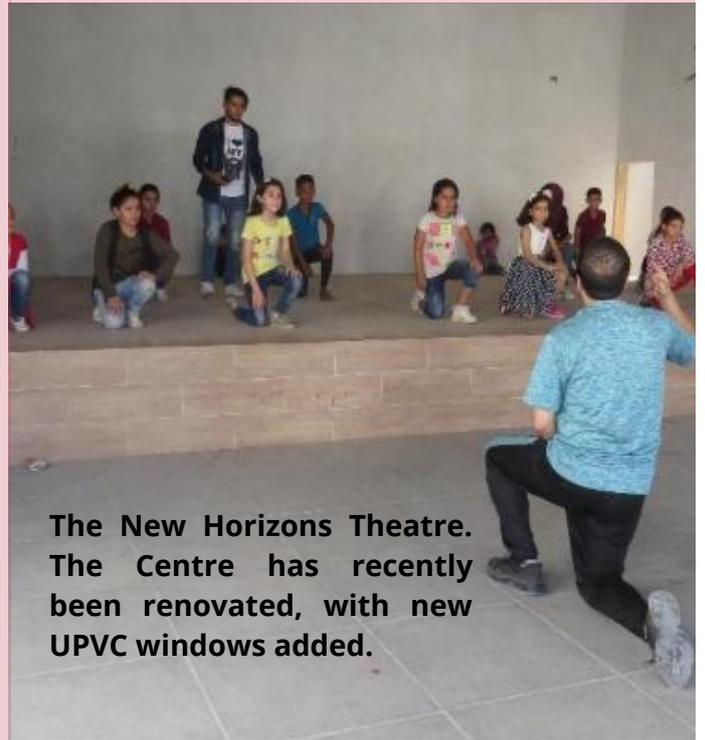


## Sheffield PSC's ongoing work in the Children's Centres.

We continue to support four projects in Gaza, a partnership which began in 1994 and remains as strong as ever. The projects are:

- Afaq Jadeeda/New Horizons in Nusseirat Refugee Camp.
- The Never Stop Dreaming Children's Centre in Khan Younis.
- Al Asria in the Jabalia Refugee Camp.
- The Healing Centre, our most recent project. We work in partnership with Never Stop Dreaming in this important venture, which offers play and healing to children suffering the consequences of Israel's repression.

**NOTE:** *we remain deeply grateful to the Yemeni women of Sheffield, who raised thousands of pounds to help us get the Healing Centre project started.*



**The New Horizons Theatre. The Centre has recently been renovated, with new UPVC windows added.**



**A session delivered by the Mobile Library, based in the Never Stop Dreaming Centre. The project offers fun and education in equal measures.**

***"Sheffield PSC's partnership with the Children's Centres is an act of political solidarity, not charity," said Musheir el Farra, Chair of the group.***



## Sheffield's ongoing work with the Children's projects.

All the Centres are registered charities and staffed by our partners, who accept little or no financial reward.

We really value this work. We supply the equipment; our colleagues on the ground make the most of it for the children's benefit.

**What do we provide?** We send funds for: technical equipment - from computers to TVs; outdoor play equipment; books and games; arts materials; Dabka dance costumes; a sound-proofed recording studio; summer camps, outings and celebrations for the families of the children who use the Centres.

We also commit to the upkeep and running costs of Centres, including essential refurbishment of furniture and other equipment.

Our partners update us on the work they do, so our link with the Centres is strong.



## The next big funding project: further developing the Healing Centre

**Our next big drive relates to the Healing Centre, which is linked with the Never Stop Dreaming Centre.** The Healing Centre is based in Khuza'a, an area which was devastated in the 2014 Israeli bombardment. The Centre is now built, open and fully operational as a play and heal centre.

Our next target is to staff the Centre with two professional psychologists and to provide the materials they will require to deliver a much needed service to some of the children in the area, who have been worst affected by the violence and repression inflicted on their communities. We will work with the existing mental health projects in the area, adding to the services on offer and liaising with these professionals to identify where the greatest need is.

**This is a big project, as you can imagine, but we have plans in hand and will work to achieve this important goal.**

**Small Park, Big Run, Sheffield: so many ways to join in.**



***Come rain, come shine, we stand with Palestine.***



## **Do you want to join us in supporting the Children's Projects?**

Covid has inevitably changed the way we work over the past year or so. Our many fund raising events, here and those organised by our sister organisation in Chesterfield, have had to be suspended, but our commitment has never wavered.

Some people commit to a monthly donation by Standing Order, others give what they can, when they can. **If you would like to donate, please use this account:**

**SPACE (Sheffield Palestine Cultural Exchange).  
Account number: 33129312. Sort Code: 05 08 18**

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