

Join Us

Volunteering

The CYC receives volunteers from all walks of life. Since the CYC's creation in 1997, Palestinian, Lebanese, and international volunteers have been carving out a role at our centre, introducing new ideas and enthusiasm.



Draw on any experience – creative or otherwise – you've accumulated over the

years. Are you a teacher, musician, or dramatist? Do you have a working knowledge of computers, or handcrafts? You don't have to be a professional, and literally anything is appreciated. Your best tool is imagination!

CYC Guesthouse

The CYC Guesthouse is located inside Shatila Camp. It offers accommodation to visitors and volunteers, all year-round, providing the opportunity to learn about life in Shatila camp, firsthand. Short stays are charged at \$15 per night., and supports CYCs work.

Donations

Donations are gladly accepted; if you are interested, please contact us.



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTER
SHATILA & NAHR EL-BARED

WHAT IS CYC?

The Children and Youth Center (CYC) is a non-governmental organisation, founded in 1997 to provide space for the Palestinian children and youths of Shatila and Nahr el-Bared refugee camps, to develop their potential.

In addition to that, is to allow the integration among all nationalities residing within the camp, including many Syrian, Lebanese, Kurdish, Egyptian, Iraqi, and Roman children. According to our belief, all children and youths have the right to learn and play in a safe atmosphere.



CYC is a lifeline for many of the most disadvantaged youths in Shatila and Nahr el-Bared camps, whereby the child-to-child is implemented, and the individual with child and human rights knowledge is empowered.

CYC is working under the International Child and Human Rights Convention in cooperation with UNICEF, UNESCO, Save the Children International, UNRWA, other child protectors and CYC international support groups to protect the high interest of children

How we work

CYC advocates, teaches, and practices child and human rights. In the process, our young people learn



the importance of respecting the rights of others. Therefore, CYC is committed to the child-to-child method of education. CYC is aiming on strengthening the

bonds between the age groups through mutual learning .

CYC recognises the importance of identity and belonging, and works to confirm the Palestinian identity. We have a responsibility to assist the Palestinian refugee children and youths in understanding their current status, and the causes of their harsh social and economical situation. In relation to this, CYC encourages and emphasises the importance of integration within the camp, within the Lebanese society as a whole, and internationally through volunteering programs, as well as friendship and cultural exchange.



This, combined with extensive communication among stakeholders of the community, encourages further development of the camp-community.

What we do

CYC, with SCI and other donors' support, conducts various activities in accordance with our aims . Remedial classes for school children is one of the main activities; offering educational activities for the purpose of keeping the children educationally engaged, and to protect them from failing and dropping out of school.

CYC motivates the children through recreational activities, talent development, life skills, self confidence, art and handicraft classes, culture dance, singing, poetry and sports. CYC has a creative way of raising awareness which is tackling various important themes, such as child-rights, integration and identity, gender exploitation and abuse, drugs, non violence, early marriage etc. These themes are treated in various workshops and seminars conducted by CYC.



CYC also arranges activities and events, in and outside of the camp, such as participating in the Beirut Marathon, conducting the annual summer camp and various other educational and recreational trips.

Relief Aid

CYC provides survival necessities during the emergencies, like food items, milk, hygiene kits, kitchen sets and blankets to refugee families. CYC presently is paying special attention to protect refugee families from Syria with special care for their children with education and recreational programs including psycho-social support to the traumatized and affected children.