



Middle East Directory

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American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)

ADC is a grassroots civil rights organization which welcomes people of all backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities as members. The ADC was founded in Washington D.C. by U.S. Senator Jim Abourczk in 1980.

Contact: (202) 244-2990 / adc@adc.org
1705 DeSales Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036

Arab American Institute (AAI)

As the only national organization that promotes Arab American participation in the U.S. electoral system, AAI has developed a host of services, from voter education to liaison with the national parties, to support the community's activities. They are also the leading policy and research organization on domestic and policy concerns of Arab Americans.

Contact: (202) 429-9210 / communications@aaiusa.org
1600 K Street, NW Suite 601 Washington, DC 20006

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

CAIR is a grassroots civil rights and advocacy group, and the largest Muslim civil liberties organization with the United States with regional offices nationwide. CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. To access the volunteer application, please visit: <https://www.cair.com/about-us/volunteer-with-us.html>

Contact: 202-488-8787 / <https://www.cair.com/index.php>
453 New Jersey Avenue, SE. Washington, DC. 20003

Education for Peace in Iraq (EPIC)

EPIC's ultimate vision is a safe and prosperous Iraq in which all citizens live in freedom from want, freedom from fear, and freedom to live with dignity. EPIC's strategy is based on a human security approach to aid relief and policy-making. Their goals are to educate Americans about what's needed for genuine peace in Iraq, provide emergency assistance to the country's most vulnerable populations, and convince the international community to remain responsibly engaged in Iraq by providing the humanitarian, security, and political support necessary to break the cycle of violence.

Contact: Mark Seaman / markseaman@gmail.com / www.epic-usa.org
(Note: Mark is an AU alum)
900 2nd Street NE Suite 216, Washington, DC 20002

Institute for Palestine Studies

The Institute for Palestine Studies (IPS) is the only institute in the world exclusively devoted to research, analysis, and publication on Palestinian affairs and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Offices in Washington DC, Ramallah and Paris. Publishes Journal of Palestine Studies.

Contact: 202-342-3990 / ipsdc@palestine-studies.org / www.palestine-studies.org
3501 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007

International Center for Religious Diplomacy (ICRD)

While not itself a religious organization, ICRD builds the skills, capacity, and ranks of peacebuilders of all faiths to address the root causes of identity-based conflict and violent extremism in their communities. After two decades of direct engagement, ICRD is a preferred partner among government, civil society, and grassroots organizations for conducting trainings, developing local networks, and facilitating multi-track initiatives to resolve many of the critical crises affecting the globe today. They are open to proposals from proactive individuals who have knowledge in religious studies, international affairs, conflict prevention and resolution, research, fundraising, IT/computer science, and language translation.

Contact: 202-331-9404 / postmaster@icrd.org / <https://icrd.org/>
1003 K Street, NW. Suite 400, Washington, DC. 20001

The Jerusalem Fund

The Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development is an independent, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It aims to foster greater awareness about Palestine, in the United States and abroad, and to ameliorate the lives of Palestinians in

Palestine and the diaspora. The Fund accomplishes these goals through three programs: The Humanitarian Link raises funds to provide relief, medical services, and community development support; the Palestine Center hosts educational and policy analysis lectures and conferences in the DC area and disseminates information online; and the cultural arm features an active art gallery called Gallery Al-Quds, a film series, and musical and literary offerings.

Contact: 202-338-1958 / info@thejerusalemfund.org
2425 Virginia Avenue, NW. Washington, DC. 20037

KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights

Karamah is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting human rights globally, especially gender equity, religious freedom and civil rights in the United States. It pursues its mission through education, legal outreach and advocacy.

Contact: 202-234-7302/ karamah@karamah.org / <http://karamah.org>
1420 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

Middle East Institute (MEI)

Founded in 1946, the Middle East Institute is the oldest Washington-based institution dedicated solely to the study of the Middle East. The Institute was founded with the mandate “to increase knowledge of the Middle East among the citizens of the United States and to promote a better understanding between the people of these two areas.” MEI has earned a reputation as an unbiased source of information and analysis on this critical region in the world.

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For the Leadership Development Internship Program:
Lillian Judge, Coordinator / internships@mei.edu / 202-785-1141 x206
1319 18th Street NW, Washington, DC. 20036

Muslim Women’s Association

The Muslim Women’s Association is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1960. The Association aims to promote and provide access to education for the many unprivileged Muslim women in the US. The Muslim Women’s Association achieves this through monthly events at area embassies, lectures, and other fundraisers.

Contact: <http://mwawashingtondc.org>
3430 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Washington, DC. 20008

National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is an American non-profit, non-governmental, educational organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. Its means for doing so encompass but are not limited to programs for leadership development, people-to-people exchanges, lectures, publications, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers conference, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study experiences.

Contact: 202-293-6466 / <https://ncusar.org>
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