



Voices from TYO

As our summer session comes to a close, we reflect on the successes of our participants. Want a closer look at the people TYO reaches? Hear from [Bara'a](#), one of our students, who talks about how TYO gave her confidence and faith in her dreams. You can also get to know some of our [students, teachers and volunteers](#) who share the most common names in the Middle East, or meet [Hanin](#), our Arabic teacher who helps us reach across cultures and shares her easy recipe for a tasty local dish!



Kids in Nablus work together on a Palestinian flag



TYO staff and youth leaders meet to discuss their proposals

Yalla, Your Community is Calling!

The [winners](#) of our [YALLA](#) program are making great strides! These Nablusi teens are giving back by creating a campaign against junk food, developing tourism initiatives for Palestine, and building a kids' park. Our young [role models](#) learned how to set [goals](#), budgets, and work plans, and are now in the process of implementing their projects- [look how much progress they've made!](#)

Intern Insights

Our interns have been reflecting on the lessons they've learned this summer, and they've come away with great insight about learning, from [engaging students and teachers](#) in hands-on learning to the [trials and triumphs](#) of working with boys and girls together. They've also tackled some of the [stereotypes and misconceptions](#) that Americans and Palestinians have about each other, and wrapped up with a [reflection](#) of the educational struggles facing our students, and how TYO is working to overcome them.



Intern Hannah and volunteer Ezri work together in art class



Beginner IT student Malak and translator Hanin

The Lovely Ladies of TYO

The Women's Group just [finished its third session](#), with more women than ever and new speakers, including some former beneficiaries back to share their [success](#)! Some features this session included seminars about [finding and defining happiness](#) in oneself, as well as new classes to help women express themselves.

Meanwhile, in Lebanon, the WEL women just [completed a six week intensive computer course](#), and are proving that given the resources, they have what it takes to make it in the workplace. We couldn't be more proud!