

Fact Sheet

Our Mission

Tomorrow's Women trains young Palestinian and Israeli women to partner as leaders by transforming anger and prejudice to mutual respect, facilitating an understanding of the other, and inspiring action to promote equality, peace and justice for all.

Our Story and Work

Tomorrow's Women was founded in 2003 by humanitarian Rachel Kaufman, artist and filmmaker Debra Sugerman, and peace activist/writer Anael Harpaz. These women believed that the decades of violence and conflict between Palestinians and Israelis would never end if left to adults and governments, and felt that **empowered young women** had the greatest chance of creating peace in their countries. The realization that it only takes one person to change history still holds true today: we believe that when equipped with the tools, skills, and confidence to lead, the power of just one extraordinary woman can transform conflict with strength and compassion.

This bold dedication to the future generation of women leaders is put into action through our **Young Leader program**, a year-long leadership experience that begins in New Mexico with a three-week summer intensive (camp) for sixteen young Israeli and Palestinian women. Brought together for the first time outside of the conflict, the young women engage in **transformational dialogue sessions and creative workshops** that allow them to share their personal experiences, practice compassionate listening, and build an understanding of their peers from the "other side." As feelings of hate and fear shift to feelings of empathy and respect, this **personal and emotional growth** lays the foundation for our Young Leaders to feel fully empowered to partner as leaders and create an impact in their communities.

After completing the summer intensive in New Mexico, the Young Leaders' training is put into practice as they return home to an environment of conflict. With a **shared commitment to peace**



and partnership, they continue to deepen their communication and leadership skills together for the remainder of the year, engaging in seminars that reinforce the emotional and practical foundations learned during the summer. This ongoing **mentorship and guidance** is critical to maintaining the spirit and hope for social justice our young women are working towards.

Young Leader Global Impact

Our graduates share a lifelong commitment to peace and advocacy, and continue to create change well beyond the end of the program. We facilitate opportunities for our Senior Young Leaders to inspire action in others and are amazed by their personal and professional dedication to bringing about change. For example, our Young Leaders bring **social justice advocacy and peace-building** to a local and global stage by:

- Pursuing careers in journalism, education, human rights, law and government
- Spearheading social movements for peace and justice in their communities
- Speaking around the globe at international economic and government forums, conferences, universities, and more about their personal journeys and dedication to transforming conflict
- Leading creative workshops for youth in the US, Palestine and Israel in communication, conflict resolution, and leadership

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the backgrounds of the program participants?

We train young Palestinians from the West Bank, Gaza, and Israel, as well as Jewish Israelis. Our young women come from diverse religious, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

How many young women have completed the Young Leader program?

Tomorrow's Women has empowered over 300 Palestinian and Israeli women to lead collaboratively. By working with small, intimate groups of women who are united by a shared purpose, we are able to create a deeper, more lasting impact.

How is *Tomorrow's Women* funded?

Tomorrow's Women is a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Santa Fe, New Mexico and is a registered American nonprofit in Israel. We are funded by individuals and private foundations throughout the United States, Israel, and Palestine.