

“Hawli w Hawalaye” – Children Summer Camps Toolkit

An interactive and fun toolkit for animators to work with children during summer with a focus on non-violence

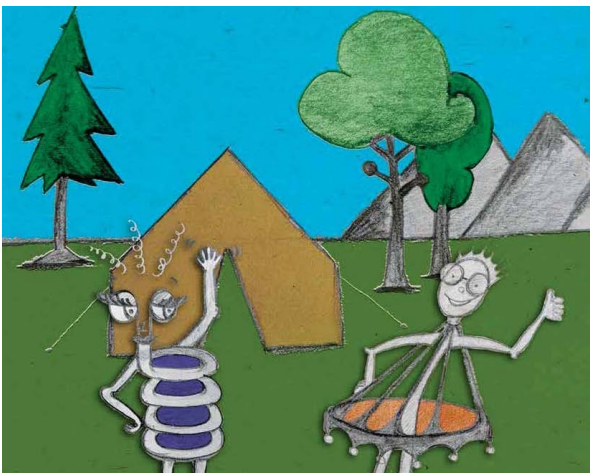
Children Summer Camps play a crucial role in non-formal education in Lebanon. Throughout the years, summer camp activities have increased voluntarism and fostered positive attitudes and leadership skills within civil society. They encourage children to become active tackling issues of public concern. However, lately summer camp activities have become increasingly commercialised and important educational values are often not conveyed.

Our approach

forumZFD in partnership with STEPS developed the value-based “Hawli w Hawalaye” (About and around me) – Children Summer Camps Toolkit. It is aimed at creating safe and creative spaces for children to grow and learn about themselves and others, to enable them to communicate non-violently and empower them with an understanding for conflict transformation and respective skills. Children are encouraged to no longer view conflicts as merely negative occurrences, but to perceive them as a chance for positive change and to transform society constructively.

What we do

In six comprehensive chapters, the “Hawli w Hawalaye” – Children Summer Camps Toolkit is designed to equip summer camp animators with everything that is necessary to organise successful educational summer camps for children between the ages of 8 and 12. The exercises cover up to seven weeks of



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activity and range from a first „getting to know each other“, to non-violence exercises, to community initiatives conveyed through games and songs. The kit furthermore contains practical guidance for implementing the content with examples for agendas and recommendations for the building of an engaging programme. forumZFD also offers interested organisations the opportunity to train their summer camp animators in applying the tool kit. The training participants can learn more about conflict transformation, roles and responsibilities of animators, criteria for child protection, children’s rights, interactive methodologies of animation and how to deal with diversity when working with children.

Our theories of change

If we increase the application of non-violence techniques in Lebanon, then conflicts and diversity will be addressed peacefully. This reduces tensions and fosters positive relations among children and youth.

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