



## IF I WERE A DECISIONMAKER... - VOICES AND VISIONS OF PALESTINIAN YOUTH IN JERUSALEM

Tuesday, 26 October 2021

Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

### P R O G R A M

**9.30-10.00**

**OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, *Chairman of PASSIA*

Hannes Alpen, *Resident Representative FES Office Palestinian Territories*

**SESSION I:**

**SOCIAL-CULTURAL ISSUES AND IDENTITY**

*(Societal restrictions and curtailed freedoms due to social-cultural norms and traditions, political/national identity vs. pragmatism, such as applying for Israeli citizenship)*

**10.00-11:00**

**Social, Cultural and Identity Issues**

*Hadeel Diabeh*

*Coordinator, Al-Bustan Association, Silwan*

**SESSION II:**

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

*(Options, perspectives, and priorities for personal advancement; what to change to meet needs for employment perspectives and avoid brain drain)*

**11.00-11.30**

**Education**

*Ali Al-Firawi*

*Project Coordinator, African Community Society*

11.30-12.00 **Employment**  
*Wael Shaban*  
*Youth activist and currently accountant with Haat*

12.00-12.15 Coffee Break

**SESSION III: INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SPACES**

*(Housing problems, and options for young people to meet, services and activities currently offered to them, and do available projects meet their real needs?)*

12.15-12.45 **Infrastructure and Housing**

*Fatmeh Hammad*

*Human rights defender and recipient of the Folke Bernadotte Academy scholarship on Women Peace and Security based in MIFTAH*

12.45-13.15 **Public Spaces and Services**

*Khalil Issa*

*Freelance trainer and youth activist*

13.15-14.15 Lunch Break

**SESSION IV: DISCUSSION**

14.15 **HOW TO ENHANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION**