



The Civic Forum Institute

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Fifty more Journalists from around the West Bank attend Ethical Media Training in Ramallah

Following the first training sessions last week, another 50 young journalists attended training in Ethical Media Approaches in Ramallah this weekend. Between 23rd and 25th March the journalists from different media outlets throughout the West Bank received training in topics including the role of journalists, reporting opinion polls, writing skills and social media from highly distinguished trainers, Emad El Hady, Mohammed Daraghmeh, Nabhan Khraishi, Hisham Abdullah and Abdelrahim Abdullah.

The training forms part of Civic Forum Institute's (CFI) project focused on Ethical Reporting of Elections, in collaboration with Electoral Reform International Services (ERIS) and funded by the British Consulate in Jerusalem. The project has included the development of a Code of Conduct for Election Reporting, developed by a group of senior media figures from the West Bank and Gaza in November. Over 150 media practitioners have signed up to the Code to date and more continue to do so at www.cfip.org.

Speaking about the workshop, Emad El Hady visiting trainer from Egypt and the US, said, '????'

In addition to the theoretical and practical sessions delivered by the trainers, the participants had the opportunity to hear presentations by guest speakers, Fareed Taamallah, Media Coordinator from the Central Elections Commission, and Dr. Hunaida Ghanim the Director of Madar, The Palestinian Forum of Israeli Studies. Mr. Taamallah spoke about the preparations made by the CEC towards national elections. Dr. Ghanim presented the trainees with copies of Madar's strategic report about the Israeli scene, which was published only yesterday, and gave them the chance to ask questions about it, the organization and its work. At the end of the third day, the Deputy Minister of Information, Mahmoud Khalifa, also visited the training to present the participants with information about two job opportunities in local radio for which he had been asked to propose candidates.

Following the three days, one of the trainees said, *'this has been a great experience and we have learnt a lot. It is important for us to keep learning and refreshing our knowledge about how to apply what we studied at university to the realities of our day-to-day work as journalists. We all hope to attend more training like this in the future'*.

Muhammed Abu Diab, Director of CFI, concluded the event, saying, *'as with last week's event we are delighted to see the engagement and enthusiasm of the participants, and their commitment to their work and their personal development. We had hoped that participants from Gaza would be able to travel to join this event,'* he added, *'but unfortunately the closure of ERES checkpoint has made that impossible on this occasion. CFI hope to be able to continue working in this area, and implement further trainings in both the West Bank and Gaza'*.

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