



**Outward Bound
Peacebuilding**

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Project Updates

Middle East

Search for Common Ground (SFCG) has been selected as the program partner for the 2008 Middle East Peacebuilding program, the Palestinian-Israeli Young Entrepreneurs Program. SFCG is an organization working to strengthen societies' capacity to deal with conflicts constructively—to understand the differences and act on the commonalities. The Outward Bound Peacebuilding program will include 12 Israeli and Palestinian young social entrepreneurs recruited by SFCG. Applying Outward Bound's methodology to building bridges of understanding and compassion, and responsible leadership amongst these young social leaders of both communities, the Palestinian-Israeli Young Entrepreneurs Program supports the development and strengthening of individuals, their communities, and positive relations between them, as well as strengthening a crucial democratic institution and agent of social change—civil society. The program will include a catalyst Outward Bound expedition in Canada and the group will be reconvened twice during the coming year for additional training experiences in the Middle East. SFCG will provide ongoing mentorship and coaching to the participants.

Rwanda

Outward Bound Rwanda has recently acquired official status as a Rwandan non-governmental organization. The Q1 and Q2 seed funding grants from the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding to the newly forming Outward Bound Rwanda are now being awarded. The seed funding is complimented by the ongoing capacity building consultation of Julie Burns of the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding.

Sri Lanka

Four Outward Bound Sri Lanka instructors have been nominated for a 3-day peacebuilding skills Training of Trainers program in Colombo, offered by FLICT. This training will supplement the specialized Outward Bound Peacebuilding instructor training planned for August 2008.

Announcements

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