

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF KIBBUTZ VOLUNTEERS

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THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BY THE KIBBUTZ VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS IN PIONEERING COMMUNITIES

Thursday 18 October 2018

Beit Huma Conference Hall, Efal Seminar, Ramat Efal

Founded 40 years prior to the establishment of the State of Israel, The Kibbutz Movement is a pioneer, innovative and leader in many fields. It was the first in Israel to offer International volunteering for young people from all over the world, with the opportunity to live, work and experience the life of the kibbutz community, while getting to know the beautiful, historical, cultural and human sides of Israel.

The volunteer program of the Kibbutz Movement was established as an innovative leader in the field of international volunteering more than five decades ago. Through it, hundreds of thousands of 'ambassadors' from all over the world, met the leading edge of the Israeli society. The impact on the image of Israel worldwide and on Israeli society is truly extensive. A central and unique characteristic of the Kibbutz Movement's volunteer program is that it is based on an encounter with the beautiful and innovative aspects of society and the cooperative and socialist community in which the volunteer learns from, and becomes part of.

At the conference today, we will have the opportunity to recognize the power and impact of the volunteering experience on the community, the society and the country in which volunteers are present, and how the volunteer experience has affected the volunteers themselves. We will look at a variety of volunteering models and stories from Israel and around the world, such as welfare and emergency organizations, as well as cooperative, agricultural and educational communities volunteering.

This is also an opportunity for us to recognize the contribution of the volunteers and to thank them with all our heart.

Enjoy!

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Conference Program

Moderator - Yochai Wolfin, General Secretary of HaBonim-Dror International Movement

10:00 Gathering and Registration

10:30 *Greetings*

Dr. Michael Oren, Deputy Minister and MK

Mr. Nir Meir, President of the Kibbutz Movement

11:00 Key Speaker

Mr. Oved Yehezkel, Founder and Chairperson of TARA Consulting and former Cabinet Secretary of the Israeli Government.

The Image of Volunteerism in Israeli Civic Society

Music Interval by Maayan James

11:30 Ms. Aya Sagi, Director of the Kibbutz Volunteer Program Center

Past, Present and Future of the Kibbutz Volunteers Program

11:50 Coffee Break

12:05 First Seat:

Social and economic influences of the kibbutz volunteer initiative on Israeli society and the kibbutz movement.

Moderator: Mr. Yochai Wolfin

Panelists: Prof. Michal Palgi

The Institute for Research of the Kibbutz and the Cooperative Idea, Haifa University

Mr. Muki Tsur

Historian and Educator

Mr. Oded Unger

Co-Manager of Kibbutznikim with the Society

Ms. Noa Shinar

Project Manager of the "Civil Service year" Program at the Kibbutz Movement

12:50 Coffee Break

Music Interval by Maayan James

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13:05	<p>Second Seat:</p> <p>Various models of international volunteering, and the experience of volunteering as a tool for personal growth.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Gal Yoffe COO Natan International Humanitarian aid</p> <p>Panelists: Mr. Roy Kagan Operations Manager of Furrows in the Desert Program, Turkana, Kenya</p> <p>Ms. Ilana Turevsky Assaf International Volunteer's Officer, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services</p> <p>Ms. Liora Arnon Director of Knowledge Development at the Israeli Volunteerism Initiative, JDC - Ashalim</p> <p>Mr. Nelson Leiva Kibbutz Volunteer from Ecuador at Kibbutz Ein Gev</p>
13:50	Conclusion and Thank You Notes
14:00	Lunch Buffet