



2010 Application for Birthright Unplugged

Please fill out this application and e-mail it to us at info@birthrightunplugged.org.

Personal Information:

Full name:	Date of birth:
Organization or Institutional Affiliation(s):	Position:
Street address:	City/State/ZIP:
Country of residence:	Citizenship(s):
Telephone number(s):	E-mail address:

More about you:

For the following questions, there is no minimum or maximum length requirement. We recommend no more than a paragraph for most questions, but we encourage you to answer thoroughly as your acceptance to the trip is largely dependent on this application.

1. How did you learn about Birthright Unplugged?
2. Have you had experiences with cultures different than your own? Please describe any difficulties with this experience and/or lessons learned.
3. Have you ever been to Israel/Palestine, the West Bank, or Gaza? If so, please briefly describe the circumstances of your visit(s) and tell us a little about your experience.
4. Very briefly, what do you see as the root causes of the conflict in Israel/Palestine?
5. What is your understanding of and relationship to Zionism?
6. Why do you want to participate in a Birthright Unplugged trip?
7. What are some questions you have about Israel/Palestine that you hope to learn more about?
8. We will be guests in Palestinian people's homes and communities and witness to their lives. What do you know of the cultural norms of Palestinians?
9. What does it mean to you that we will be a mostly N. American group traveling in occupied Palestinian communities?
10. Do you have any health concerns or conditions that might affect your participation in a Birthright Unplugged trip? Are you taking any medication regularly? If you join a Birthright Unplugged trip, we will need the name of any medication(s) you will be taking or anticipate needing during our trip. This information will be kept strictly confidential.
11. Do you have any dietary restrictions i.e. vegetarian, vegan, allergies etc...?
12. Where will you be right before the program begins, and should you be accepted, can you commit to participating all of the days of the program?
13. Have you read the Participant Agreement? Should you be accepted, are you prepared to sign the Agreement and mail in

About your work:

1. Please describe any social justice and/or organizing work you are or have been involved in other than Palestine-related work and your role(s) etc...

2. Please describe your Palestine justice campaign work you are involved in and your role(s) etc...

3. If you have been involved in BDS work of any kind, please explain how:

- Considered starting a campaign
- Presently doing research on starting a campaign
- Launched a campaign in the past 3 years
- Launched and dropped a campaign due to obstacles
- Other

Please elaborate:

4. Should you be accepted to participate in a Birthright Unplugged trip, what are your goals for the trip and after the trip, and how do you anticipate using what you learn? Please be very specific.

5. Which communities and/or institutions are the focus of your BDS and justice work? (please name all that apply):

Religious institution: _____

University: _____

City council/municipality: _____

Union: _____

Consumer products (to promote or boycott): _____

Local store (department, grocery, etc): _____

Other:

6. What partners have you engaged or are you are planning to engage in BDS and justice campaign work?

7. What obstacles do you anticipate encountering or have you already encountered?

8. What skills, tools, relationships, and other resources do you want to cultivate in order to be better equipped to undertake BDS and justice campaign work?

9. Should you be accepted to the program, you will be asked to make short presentations and to contribute to group conversations about the potential of BDS movements and the specific strategies you are considering for use in your communities. What research and pre-trip preparation do you plan to conduct in order to make your campaign planning time at the institute as productive as possible and to contribute to the peer learning atmosphere we hope to encourage at the institute?

10. Are you able to make a two year commitment to supporting BDS and justice campaign work following your participation in Birthright Unplugged? Please describe what is in place in your life in order to ensure that you are able to maintain this commitment.