

2020 Connecting Impact Fellows



Reham Abuellassal is the Chairwoman of Na`amat: the Working and Volunteering Women Council for the Nazareth District. In 2017, she was elected as the Chairwomen of Na`amat, Nazareth district. Her work at Na`amat seeks to advance and strengthen the status of women in various areas. Reham focuses her work on women workers through community, educational and raising awareness activities that address different issues concerning women. She also manages the Na`amat Vocational Centre.



Liron Azulai is the CEO of the Women's Courtyard, lives in Tel Aviv. Liron started out as a social and environmental activist while studying sociology in her twenties. Liron served as the Co-Director at Mahapach- Taghir, a feminist communal organization based in 8 marginalized (Jewish and Arab) communities. Now, 20 years later she is the CEO at the Women's Courtyard, a feminist nationwide leading organization for young women and girls at the margins of Israel society which aims to help them break social and gender barriers in their way to build a better future for themselves.



Alia abu Rabiah is a teacher, organizational consultant, Director of Ma'an - the Forum of Bedouin Arab Women in the Negev, and founder of Lemanchem, an NGO that works to advance and improve services for children with special needs in the Arab sector in the Negev. The Forum of Bedouin Arab Women in the Negev promotes social equality, women's empowerment and coexistence among the Arab Bedouin society both in the Negev and in Arab society in Israel in general.



Maya Barshishat is a feminist activist. Maya is a Co-founder of LOTEM, a non-institutional nationwide platform for organizing feminist NVDA (Non-Violent Direct Action) and civil disobedience. Furthermore, Maya is one of the organizers of Slutwalk Jerusalem. Maya is 24 years old, and she is a law and social work student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Ela Alon is the Executive Director of Itach-Maaki – Women Lawyers for Social Justice. She is a senior attorney, with varied experience in the public sector and in NGO's. Ela's legal areas of expertise are labor law and social security--including legal support to organizing workers-- administrative law and municipal law, access to justice, corporate and cooperative law, and legal work with communities in transformation. In 2015 Ela was chosen as outstanding worker by the Civil Service Commission.



Naama Goldberg is a feminist activist. Naama is a researcher of the psychology of prostitution. She is the founder and CEO of Lo Omdot Me'negged: Assisting Women in the Cycle of Prostitution. Naama formerly served as school principal at HaBait shel Tamar, she is a graduate of the Mandel Leadership Institute, and a lecturer at the Kibbutzim Seminar where she teaches courses on gender, youth at risk and more.



Rafah Anabtawi is the General Director of the Kayan Feminist Organization and has been a social justice and feminist activist for over 20 years. She began her career at Kayan as the Community Organizing Coordinator in 2006 and has now been its director for over seven years. As the director of Kayan, Anabtawi spearheads a grassroots approach to social change by consolidating a national Arab feminist movement that promotes and defends women's rights and ensures women's integration into all aspects of the public sphere.



Debbie Gross is the founder and director of Tahel: Crisis Center for Religious Women and Children, which services women and children throughout Israel. Debbie has developed an educational workshop program to give children and teenagers the skills to recognize and prevent sexual abuse and domestic violence. She is an expert in training courses and workshops for rabbis and other religious leaders on how to intervene in cases of domestic violence and sexual abuse. She travels around the world developing programs to help communities prevent abuse.



Maya Azaria is Head of Public Policy at the Michal Sela Forum, a non-profit organization, striving to prevent domestic violence by innovative and ground breaking solutions. Maya has vast experience in policy making and regulation, gained through working with governments and politicians, as well as leading complex private-public collaborations.



Zameret Hershko is a peace and anti-israeli occupation activist and took an active part in the women in black protests for 10 years. Zameret has devoted herself to working with women in feminist organizations. For 15 years, zameret has worked at the sexual assault crisis centers, in haifa and tel aviv as the director of volunteers. Since 2016 zameret has been working as the coordinator of general affairs at women to women - haifa feminist center. Additionally, zameret has been working since 2020 at the wisdom of women center for counseling and psychotherapy, focusing her work on prostitution survivors.