

3RD NEWSLETTER



Conservation Activism Manifesto

We believe that our objectives and campaigns must be based on precise and well defined ideologies. Therefore, we are working on a document which will encompass ideological, philosophical and practical ideas on activism and conservation. We are hoping for it to be a living document, meaning it is open for suggestions, edits and debates in order to make it as precise and inclusive as possible. For every subject we will have a non-academic, popular version and an academic version which will provide references to serve as a reading list. You can find examples [here](#) and [here](#). We have started writing about several topics which are ready for commentary and there are many more topics that need to be written. Please contact us for more details if you are interested in joining the discussion.

Interviews with inspirational conservationists

To make our messages more accessible and to introduce our conservationist allies to the public, we would like to make a series of audio and video interviews. [Click here to hear an interview with Eugenio Fernandez](#), one of the most dedicated, thoughtful and efficient local conservationists we know. It is heart-warming to hear his sincere concern for wildlife and forests and encouraging to hear him affirm, in his own words, some of the main ideologies Reclaim Conservation is based on.

We are looking for journalists who would be interested in producing more of these interviews.

Featured project: The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) is an environmental and academic institution in the Middle East, working to advance cross-border environmental cooperation in the face of political conflict. It is a great and unique opportunity for people from all over the world but mainly for Palestinians, Jordanians and Israelis to meet and learn to know each other through studying and influencing the pressing environmental issues of the Middle East. With more than 20 years of activities, the Arava institute had managed to create a viable, vivid group of hundreds of peace and environmental activists who are involved in many aspects of decision making and activism in the Middle East.

This month, Noga Shanee presented Reclaim Conservation to groups of students and alumni explaining our special viewpoint on conservation and social issues. We are happy to welcome many new activists and supporters from this group.

The Arava institute's staff, alumni and activists are a great source of inspiration for us at Reclaim Conservation and we are hoping to work alongside them promoting peace and sincere conservation. [You can find more about AIES here.](#)

A call for graphic/web designers

We are looking for volunteers with experience in graphic and web design to help update and maintain our website. This will be an ongoing project, so we are asking that volunteers be able to commit to long-term collaboration.

Let the world know Reclaim Conservation exists

We now have a new flyer which can be printed (Double sided) or sent digitally. It presents our ideologies, ways to join and contact details. We would love you to help us to reach more supporters and activists by distributing [this flyer](#), or sharing this newsletter, [our website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

Our finances for the month- exercising transparency

We are great promoters of transparency in conservation financing and therefore will be exposing our finances each month. Currently Reclaim Conservation does not have any money or assets and all activists participate on a 100% voluntary basis, donating their own time and resources to the success of our activities.

We are still running our "Flor: The Widow of a Murdered Peruvian Environmental Defender Needs Your Help!" campaign and have so far raised \$1109 which has gone directly to a local group of conservationists helping Flor seek justice for her husband.

The next Zoom meeting

Reclaim Conservation's monthly Zoom meetings are a space where we can all meet, socialize, learn more about each other's work and, most importantly, decide on ways to cooperate and support one another's work. Our next meeting will be on the **29.3.2018, 7pm UK time**. This month's meeting will be focused on the term "conservation".

To join the meeting you need to:

1. Open a free account and download zoom at: <https://zoom.us/>
2. Go to this link at the time of the meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4862086984>

Everyone is invited!

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