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**BEST PRACTICE PROJECTS** 

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# **BEST PRACTICE PROJECTS**

The city of Mannheim has started in 2017 the holistic participatory approach "Mannheim 2030". Its goal is the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and its SDGs with the development of a municipal mission statement. Together with Mannheim's citizens and important stakeholders from municipal administration, politics, academia and private sector and through various participatory events and open discussion forums, a set of innovative ideas, targets and measures will be summarized in this model for "Mannheim 2030" by the end of 2018.

### International SDG – Expert Conference in Mannheim October 17 - 19, 2018

As part of this process, the City of Mannheim together with Mannheim's twinning association hosted an international SDG – expert conference. We invited stakeholders from our partner cities actively involved in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 to take part in this process. The aim of the conference was to foster the know-how transfer on the implementation of sustainable development goals on local level.

Participants were also invited to share concrete examples and projects of SDG implementation from their municipality to be presented during the conference. We were pleased to have such a high number of very interesting contributions of best practice projects and therefore have summarized them in this booklet for further distribution.

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## PROJECT ECOFESTIVAL

## CITY / AUTHOR Chernivtsi / Tetiana Lebukhorska

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- To encourage people to reuse, sort and recycle waste, to promote saving consumption
- More than 100 citizens and families
- 4 hours during weekend (once per year)
- Up to EUR 1000,00
- We offer the best price for waste!



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## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

- > People need an impulse and more information to change their behavior, so give it to them!
- > Involve as much partners as you can to organize event. Make it fun and bright and people will love it.



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### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

EcoFest – is a yearly event organized in Chernivtsi (Ukraine) by Bukovinian Agency for Regional Development (www.bard.cv.ua). The idea is to exchange waste (paper, plastic, glass and batteries) on gifts (flowers, basilica, ecobags, tickets for cinema, sweets). The price, which is used, is not the real price of waste (e.g. 1 ticket for 5 plastic bottle). Besides waste exchange, we organize workshops and games for participants.

Ukrainian background is that we do not have waste management system which foresees separated waste collection. Garbage disposal for recycling is not popular and is considered a way of earning for poor people.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> event, we have collected: 64 kg of batteries, 2 containers of paper, 2 containers of plastic and half container of glass.

3 festivals were organized during 2016-2018 and the main result is that each year we have more participants, more waste collected and more gifts. There are families and children who are regular participants.



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# ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

## CITY / AUTHOR

City of Bydgoszcz / Tomasz Bondos

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Main goal of project: to create a model for public buildings to increase the demand for zero energy buildings on a large scale
- LP Regional Development Agency in Vorarlberg, AUT + partners representing cities, regions, ministries, energy agencies, chamber of architects, development centers and institutes: 13 from 7 countries: AUT, CZ, DE, IT, PL, SL and SK
- Realisation: October 2011 December 2014
- Costs: City of Bydgoszcz budget: 585 500 EUR, co-financing ERDF (85%). Add'l budget of City of Bydgoszcz: 590 366 EUR (works)

### Further goals:

- Trainings reg. energy efficient public buildings for city employees, architects, construction companies
- Development of sightseeing program for the Demonstration Center
- Organization of on site-visits (kindergartens, schools, universities, public institutions, citizens, construction companies on local, regional, national and international level. Exhibition with information on the pilot projects, certification of buildings, energy efficient buildings



Implementation of common for partners certification procedure for RES and EE in public buildings (CESBA – Common European Sustainable Building Assessment)

After the development of joint criteria 7 demonstration buildings in 7 Central European countries were implemented. In the City of Bydgoszcz, a passive demonstration center with RES was constructed at the Mechanical School Complex. This demonstrated and promoted energy-efficient public buildings and showed new techniques, methodologies which can be also used in the private sector.

Problems during implementation in Bydgoszcz:

- > Localisation of building initially proposed lot did not have stable ground
- > Costs planned for Demonstration Center at the application phase was too low – the City needed to assign much more money
- > Low interest of public administration and citizens, as well construction companies at the time of project realisation in certification procedure and construction of EE buildings



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## **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

- Closer cooperation with internal departments, especially Investment Department
- Building internal group of stakeholders Planning carefully budget for constructions phase – Close cooperation with investment department, project contractor and architects – during designing phase





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## PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLATFORM

## CITY / AUTHOR

## Zhenjiang / Gu Hongbin, Smart city & special town Research Institute, Jiangsu University

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Through the construction of an ecological system to control carbon emissions and environmental protection with environmental protection data and big data.
- Jiangsu University, environmental experts, service providers, government and information experts plan for 3 years, ¥30 million yuan.
- Intelligent environmental early warning system is established by collecting basic data through sensors, integrating existing information platforms and data.



After the implementation of the project, the environmental quality has been significantly improved. <sup>©</sup> Gu Hongbin, Jiangsu University Institute of Smart City and Characteristic Town



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## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

Large data aided decision-making can make the development of human civilization and environmental protection more scientific and sustainable. IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS

The project has entered the first phase of testing. The difficulties are mainly due to the diversity of measurement data formats and the difficulty of collecting production and sales data from the original environmental protection platform. The goal of making data speak and providing a harmonious and unified production and environmental protection under the low-carbon development mode through data analysis is to effectively promote regional environmental protection.

Zhenjiang pays attention to the production mode of ecological construction and low carbon sustainable development.

1. Ni Bin Deputy Mayor attended the 8th clean energy ministers meeting to introduce the practice of low carbon construction in Zhenjiang.

2. Yue Weiping, deputy director of the Municipal People's Congress, will lead the team to attend the Bonn Conference of the United Nations Climate Change Conference and promote the construction of low-carbon cities in Zhenjiang, the corner of China.

In September 2018, after the first trial and reply, Zhenjiang won the prize of 2018 Central European green and smart city.



Establish as many basic data acquisition points as possible and carry out low-cost transmission and data collection, processing, storage, to provide enough data support for intelligent construction.







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# FILM SERIES #2030 – FILM & TALK

## CITY / AUTHOR

Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Berlin / Stabsstelle Bildung für nachhaltige Entwicklung, Lidia Perico

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Every first Friday of the month we show one movie regarding one or several SDGs and talk about it with our special guests (two NGO representatives, who work in this field) and audience. What significance do SDGs have worldwide, for Berlin, for our neigbourhood, for our own acting?
- The audience is quite varied. Film enthusiasts, SDG stakeholders, volunteers, civil society.
- The unique feature of our project is not only to speak about the special SDG themes, but to invite #2030-NGOs on stage to give them the opportunity to present their work and to get immediately in touch and exchange with the audience. According to: Think Global – Act local.



In October 2018 we started the 3rd film season of #2030. After one year and the last 12 film&talk evenings we are very happy to have been able to present and get connected with over 30 dedicated NGOs. These were some of the topics:

January 2018 #6: Clean Water and Sanitation – "Tambien la Lluvia" by Iciar Bollain // February 2018 # 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – "Bikes vs. Cars" by Fredrik Gertten // July 2018 #12: Responsible Production and Consumption – "The workers Cup" by Adam Sobel

We have achieved and built up a strong and colorful network structure, where we connect with schools, universities and other institutions in our district. On average 30 guests visit the performance, depending on the topic for discussion.

### Challenges:

All movies can be visited by school classes over the course of one month. We offer speakers on the topics or an introduction before the film screening. Unfortunately the demand from schools is still small and with room for growth. We are working on it for example by sharing information through newsletters, facebook, homepage.



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Poster Filmreihe #2030 © Stabsstelle Bildung für nachhaltige Entwicklung/ Koordination für kommunale Entwicklungspolitik

## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

- > We will continue with our film series and are looking forward to more cooperation partners and interesting NGOs.
- This film series is made possible by strong cooperation partners (in our case the film theater Delphi LUX and the foundation Berliner Landeszentrale für politische Bildung) and the expert knowledge of the invited speakers.





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## PROJECT FOOD HOUSE TAKIA OF PROPHET ABRAHAM

## CITY / AUTHOR Hebron / Municipality

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Respect for all people regardless of sex, color or religion
- Achieving justice between women and men in society
- Respect for Palestinian women who sacrificed and fought alongside men for freedom
- The Takia offers free food to poor and needy families throughout the year, especially in the month of Ramadan

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

This food house was founded in about 1000 AD under the Fatimies state. The number of daily meals distributed up to **2500** meals.

The city of Hebron is widely recognized as "the city that never knows hunger." Funding is provided through donors and the Municipality of Hebron is one of the donors.

Difficulties during implementation:

- > The difficult politics situation in Palestine
- > Lack of funding



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## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

- > Feeling of equity helps to achieve planes and reach the goals.
- > If you take care of your belonging, they will prosper.







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# FRIENDLY CITY / FRIENDLY STORIES

## CITY / AUTHOR

Vilnius / Romas Zabarauskas & Samanta Matuizaitè (Arcana Femina), Klaipèda / Oksana Morar

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Friendly City maps aim to promote the friendliest businesses, encouraging inclusivity and social responsibility
- A small team sustain the friendlycity.info website and publish a new each summer; it's mostly sustained by membership fees
- Its' win-win strategy succeeds to cooperate with businesses when promoting LGBT+ equality and different inclusive practices

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

Our project grew from the LGBT Friendly Vilnius initiative which made the first LGBT Friendly map in 2012. At first it caused controversy, but soon the map became a great success. Growing the project, we decided it would make sense to add other Friendly categories to introduce more access and visibility for a diverse crowd of people. It now includes people with disabilities, vegans, parents with children, and more.

Featured by many local and international media outlets, we also recently received institutional support in Lithuania. Vilnius development agency Go Vilnius included us in their welcome kit in 2017. This year, Vilnius City Municipality officially backed us via Councillor Mark Adam Harold. Mayor Remigijus Šimašius expressed his full support, saying: "I thank all of you for spreading love, setting a great example and creating a free and open Vilnius."

We also presented a new FRIENDLY STORIES photobook, available for free in all our member venues. Among the subjects was Rolandas Skabickas, a Chief Petty Officer in the Lithuanian Navy, based in Klaipèda. Recently back from a humanitarian mission to Somalia, Rolandas came out as gay and became a first openly gay military officer in Lithuania, breaking many hurtful stereotypes.



Friendly City founder Romas Zabarauskas © Ignas Nefas



Friendly City and Friendly Stories launch © Elijus Kniežauskas



## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

- > Our project shows it's possible to involve local businesses as well as diverse communities to make the city more inclusive.
- Friendly City is ready to expand work with us and bring this self-sustainable project to your own city!







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# **GENDER EQUALITY**

CITY / AUTHOR Hebron / Fares Shawar

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Respect for all people regardless of sex, color or religion.
- Achieving justice between women and men in society.
- Respect for Palestinian women who sacrificed and fought alongside men for freedom.
- Take advantage of all components of society in building and achieving national strategic goals.
- Participants: The staff of the Hebron Municipality and the society in general.
- Creating conditions for participation among all working levels in the municipality including males and females which helps to benefit from the expertise of all those levels and helps in achieving the municipality's strategy and plans.
- Meeting the basic needs of employees such as (appreciation, creating a healthy work environment, motivation) gives a sense of comfort, safety and supports achievement.



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## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

Giving opportunities for all and forming a healthy working environment. Feeling of equity, equivalent opportunities and justice helps to achieve plans and reach goals. Training and assisting staff.

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

We achieved some of the basic goals, including opening doors for a number of female employees to take up important administrative positions in the municipality, in the municipal council through the quota of women, and giving priority to women in recruitment and training.

The issue of women occupied the first of the strategic issues of the Hebron Municipality (2018-2021) in addition to the issue of youth and the environment, after the basic services provided by the municipality of electricity, water and the organization of the city.

Through the United Nations Human Settlements Program, the Hebron municipality constructed housing for widows and poor families to save and protect marginalized women. The complex contains 100 apartments, the cost of was 6 million dollars, the major sponsoring was the Saudi Arabia governments.

The women Center for professional training provides services to the local community, especially women, in partnership with local and international institutions. The center programs empower Palestinian women, through professional training that enables women to build independent projects and help them support themselves. The cost of the project was 2m dollars.

Difficulties during implementation:

- > Non-flexibility of laws and regulations
- > Dominant culture
- > The difficult politics situation in Palestine
- > Lack of funding



> If you take care of your belonging , they will prosper.







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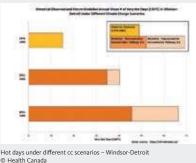
## PROJECT

# **IMPROVEMENT OF THERMAL COMFORT**

## **CITY / AUTHOR City of Windsor / Karina Richters**

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- The objective is to reduce the human health vulnerability to extreme heat through changes in public park design.
- Partners: Health Canada, Parks Development. Studies conducted over 2 summers at a cost of \$20,000. Implementation on-going with parks renewal.
- This study highlighted the features within a park/playground that may increase the vulnerability of the community to extreme heat.





Captain John Wilson playground © City of Windsor

## **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

- > This study has evolved into consideration of thermal comfort in other public spaces including the downtown core and road projects.
- > Standalone studies need to be embedded in master planning documents to ensure longevity of the research and long-term action.

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**IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS** 

Improving Thermal Comfort in Windsor, ON; Assessing Urban Parks and Playgrounds' report was completed in the summer of 2013. This study highlights that while parks are expected to have lower temperatures; parks can have "hot zones". Increasing extreme temperatures can lead to a decrease in comfort levels for parks users, reducing the level of activity within the community.

Findings are enhancing parks redevelopment projects. Rubber surfaces under play equipment and asphalt trails are features that improve accessibility and safety (SDG 3) while lowering maintenance costs, unfortunately, these are examples of 'hot spots' within parks. To mitigate these risks, parks projects are enhancing shade coverage (trees and artificial shade), increasing the number of water fill stations and spray pads across the community.

The improved thermal comfort features have been well received by the community, resulting in an increase in parks users and an increase in requests for similar enhancements to other parks.

The 20-year Parks Master Plan includes the recommendations from this study ensuring they remain a priority into the future.

Next steps include the completion of an Urban Forestry Plan that will develop canopy cover targets and assess the threats of climate change on the urban forest in Windsor, Ontario.



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# QINGDAO SINO – GERMAN ECOPARK

## CITY / AUTHOR Qingdao / Li Guangquan

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Project targets: Create "Five Ideas Practice Zone | Ecological Development Lab", Building an ecological, intelligent and open Sino-German community of interests
- Efforts to demonstrate the three aspects of ecological sustainability – livable development; high-end industrial agglomeration – characteristic development; international factor convergence – open development, and successfully create a world-class park in five years, and strive to be the future city of the world. The contribution of sustainable development models and paths should be contributed.

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

Adhere to the "first standard, post-planning, re-design, and postimplementation", adhere to the world's vision, base on the international vision, integrate the German concept, bring together German elements, reflect Chinese characteristics, and build an ecological park integrating protection and production.

In the four years since the start of construction, it has settled in 16 German companies, including Siemens, two mainland world top 500 companies and Siempelkamp.

Sino-German Ecological Park project signed for three consecutive years under the witness of the Chinese and German prime ministers.

The park has gradually developed into a new platform for Sino-German cooperation from the "three no zones" without roads, without supporting, and without enterprises.



Qingdao Guangquan © Guangquan Li



Qingdao Guangquar © Guangquan Li

## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

> High-end planning and design are the premise, the construction of eco-industrial system is the key, the ecological protection system is the support, and the ecological innovation system is the core.



> Adhere to the goal of sustainable development, effectively implement sustainable development projects, introduce highend planning and design, and create ecological protection systems, ecological industrial systems, and ecological innovation systems.



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## PROJECT RETHINKING PUBLIC SPACE

### AUTHOR

## Chernivtsi / Chernivtsi Local Council

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Through the participatory process, local citizens and civil society organizations will be directly implicated in the project of public space recreation. In this way, a wide range of interests of the local community will be taken into consideration within the planning process. Especially people with disabilities, elderly people, women and children as well as advocates of alternative mobility can stand up for their interest and needs in the open decision-making process. The participatory approach will give a voice to a wider range of stakeholders. Giving this opportunity to civil society groups and the increased transparency in public decision-making will help to build up trust between local citizens and the city administration.
- 2018-2019, 120.000 Eur
- As a trilateral project it enhances regional cooperation in countries of the east European partnership through know how transfer in participatory processes, thus improving local governance.

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

The Project has passed now the stage of public participation and participatory planning. Several Workshops with local residents, aimed at identifying the needs, defining the planning task and strengthening mutual trust between residents, administration and planners were carried out. Raising attention and awareness for the neighborhoods central area was achieved by a series of events focusing on urban culture (Hip Hop and Break Dance), history of the neighborhoods (guided tour), public space and culture (public reading session in front of the library).

A design contest was carried out based on the previously developed task, while all invited planning studios had an opportunity to discuss with the residents during a specially organized workshop. The projects were exhibited in the local library and residents had the opportunity to evaluate their favorite design. The final winner was established by a professional jury and now the technical planning is being prepared in order to carry out tender procedures.

During this phase it became clear that the city needs a specialized unit/person for participatory processes and that local planners need more experience in this form of cooperative planning. Equally citizens need more opportunities for involvment in decisions concerning their neighborhood.



Kalichanka Chernivtsi © Chernivtsi City Council

## **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

> The participatory approach needs more time and deeper involvement from all sides.

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- A stronger cooperative planning approach and accompanying measures for training moderators for participatory involvement and events.





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# SOCIAL COHESION FOR EVERY CHILD

## CITY / AUTHOR Kilis / Hüseyin Erkmen

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

- To create a social cohesion between Turkish and Syrian children
- Turkish and Syrian children, 2017 2019, 14.000.000 TRY
- To organize educational, social, cultural and sports activities among local and immigrant/refugee children

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

In the social centers which are under control of the municipality, the immigrant/refugee children have been trained for social integration. The children who were affected by the civil war in Syria have got psychological support in these social centers by the experts. They have learnt Turkish language. They have attended the educational, social, cultural and sports activities with Turkish children. Today these activities are still organized.

The difficulty during implementation is language in the beginning but when they learn Turkish, they attend the activities easily. The main result of the project is to create a social cohesion among the local and immigrant/refugee children.

We created social centers for adaptation and support for these people. Our social centers are the unique example in the world that Turkish and Syrian people come together for creating a social cohesion. Two different nations with different cultures and languages unite in one aim "Social Cohesion".



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## **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

- > In 2011, when the refugees came to Kilis, the city is not ready for this sudden migration.
- If someone wants to start such a project like this, they need to establish a really great team with coordinator, accountant, outreach team, trainers, teachers, officers, psychologist, sociologist, volunteers.





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# SOLAR APPLICATION IN AGRICULTURE

## CITY / AUTHOR Qingdao / Changsheng Li

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- To achieve the dual objectives of economic growth and decarbonization in rural area by integrating PVs with agricultural greenhouses and help build a sustainable way forward for rural economic development in China.
- Stakeholder of the project mainly consists of farmers, local government, PV-greenhouse developer, banks, power Grid Company and village committee. The time frame is from 2012 to 2016. The cost of the integrated PV-greenhouses varies between 0.40\*10^3 CN and 1.60\*10^3 CN per square meter depending on their specific type.
- This project achieves both PV power generation on roofs of greenhouses and agricultural production activities inside the greenhouses. Furthermore, the project helps promote transformation of traditional agricultural production from decentralized-farm style to centralized-factory style, which builds a sustainable way forward for rural economic development in China.

### **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

The total PV installment capacity is 130 MW and covers about 1,300 acers according to its plans. It has been completed by the end of 2016 through 4 stages. By now, the project runs well. It has created about 2,400 direct new jobs for local farmers. The green power generated by phase III project with installment capacity of 80 MW reaches 95 Mkwh annually. The total clean power generated by phase III project will amount to 2.39 billion kWh within its lifetime.

Furthermore, phase III project will avoid substantial pollutants emissions, such as SO<sub>2</sub>, NxO and CO<sub>2</sub> by replacing coal burning. With regard to its difficulties during its implementation, the following aspects should be underlined. First, PV agricultural companies face a gradually declining FiTs, which has decreased by 13% to 20% from 2011 to 2018 as a result of the rapid technological advancement in PV manufacturing. Second, PV companies usually focus on power generation instead of crop production, leading to underutilization of the greenhouses businesses, and lack experience in crop planting.

The main reason is that most PV agricultural companies specialize in PV. The owner of the project is striving to find way out by innovating their business model aims for transform from a power and crop producer to an integrated service provider in PV-greenhouse area. The owner has made a impressive progress in this direction.



New business model for PV-greenhouse © Changsheng Li

## CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

- > The project builds a sound way to achieve sustainability in rural area by promoting the traditional agricultural production modernization transformation.
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- > It is highly recommend that a feasible business model should be designed well according to different policy environment.



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## PROJECT THE HAIFA FEMINIST RESEARCH CENTER

## AUTHOR Haifa / Adi Sadaka

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- To collect and document the history of feminist activity in Israel. To present the contribution of women and serve as inspiration for future generations.
- The Center was founded by a group of Jewish and Palestinian researchers and activists in 2007 at The Haifa Feminist Center.
- The Center is home to the first feminist library and archive, the largest and only one of its kind in Israel.



A demonstration in Jerusalem. © from the collection of pictures of Isha L'Isha



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## **IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS**

The Haifa Feminist Institute (HFI) is comprised of three complementary constituents: archive, library and research center. Together they provide a space for learning and capacities for producing knowledge outside traditional institutional enclosures:

### Archive

The first of its kind in Israel, the HFI's archive provides feminist groups, organizations and individuals space to host their personal and organizational materials as part of our growing collection. Various rescue and outreach actions have been taking place, followed by raising public awareness to the existence of a feminist space for individual and organizational archives. In 2015 we began to digitize our materials. This work has been carried out mostly by volunteers. Currently, we aim to build our capacity in 2 aspects: > Establishing a Palestinian/Arabic feminist archive.

> Completing the digitization of the existing Jewish/Hebrew archive.

### Library

The selection of existing feminist and women's publications in Haifa's public libraries is scarcely exhaustive and rarely updated. HFI holds the most developed, accessible, and affordable collection, which also includes titles in Arabic.

### Research

At the core of our activities lie feminist knowledge production and feminist ways of knowing. We focus on the exploration of culture and society from a feminist perspective and ethics. Through conducting, supporting and hosting research endeavors, the HFI aims to encourage and nurture collaborative work of feminist scholars, activists, community organizers and members of the public.



### **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

- > Since the institute opened, the research has been growing on feminist issues both at the academic level and at the organizational level in many institutions in Israel.
- > To create partnerships with social organizations with an emphasis on women's rights organizations in order to create a large feminist "space".



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