### How do I join DNTA?

It's easy. We welcome new members who share our aims. You don't have to live in Dundee to join.

You can find our membership form on our website or email our Membership Secretary (links below).

### **Annual Subscription**

Individuals £10 (min)

Families £15 (min)

Unwaged and students £5 (min)

Groups and organisations £20 (min) per year

#### Follow us!

Sign up on our website to get our **monthly newsletter** of our events and activities.

Follow us on Twitter:

@DundeeNablusTA

Facebook:@DundeeNablusTwinningAssociation

You can find these and other links on our website.

### Contact us!

Get in touch by email:

Convener: convener@dundee-nablus.org.uk

Secretary: secretary@dundee-nablus.org.uk

**Membership Secretary:** 

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## Visit our website: www.dundee-nablus.org.uk



Meeting at Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus





# **Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association**

You can become a member if you want to build friendship and understanding with the people of Nablus. You are welcome at our meetings and events.

### Why should I join?

- to learn more about Nablus & its people
- to visit Nablus with us
- to hear about (or help with) our events & activities
- to participate in our projects which promote links between Dundee and Nablus
- to make a difference to people's lives





The DNTA works closely with, and appreciates support from, Dundee City Council

and the Lord Provost of Dundee



Tayside fire engine donated to Nablus Fire Dept. by FBU



## Building friendship and understanding with the people of Nablus





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### What is the Association doing?

- Bringing together people in Dundee & Nablus
- Building links between schools, colleges, universities, trades unions, hospitals, the arts and faith groups
- Visiting Nablus with people from Dundee
- Hosting delegations from Nablus
- Fundraising to help children, young people, volunteers and arts in Nablus.

We are not 'political' but we listen to people in Nablus. We learn about their hardships and abuses of their human rights.

We hope you will join us!

### **Twinning with Nablus**

Dundee and Nablus twinning began in 1980 when three Dundee councillors met the Mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shaka'a in London. He needed treatment following a car bomb attack by Israeli settlers in which he lost both his legs.

The historic twinning was the first with Palestine.

### **Nablus—our Twin City**

Nablus is an amazing place with a stunning setting and warm, welcoming people.

It has a beautiful Old City with narrow streets between stone houses, a  $3^{\rm rd}$  century amphitheatre, old Turkish baths and a landmark clock tower. In the souq you can shop and enjoy mint tea with hummus or falafel from many friendly outlets.

A multi-faith city, Nablus is home to a majority Muslim population, many Christians and a long-established Samaritan (Jewish) community.

Nablus is one of the largest cities in Palestine. It is under military occupation following the Six Day War in 1967.

There are four refugee camps; Balata is the largest in the West Bank with 27,000 people. Some of Balata's refugees can remember their expulsion from Jaffa following the creation of Israel in 1948. They and their families long to return.

Nablus is home to An-Najah National University—the largest university in Palestine with over 20,000 students.

Nablus is famous for its soap, olive oil, and delicious sweets. In recent years factories have been destroyed and Israeli restrictions have severely hampered imports and exports.

### Where is Nablus?

Nablus is 30 miles (48km) north of Jerusalem in a steep-sided valley between two mountains. It is much hotter than Dundee in the summer but can be surprisingly cold in winter.

Nablus is one of the oldest cities in the world. It has many similarities with Dundee and is roughly the same size with a population of around 150,000 people.





### **Volunteering in Nablus**

**If you want to spend time in Nablus** and get to know its people, you could volunteer there.

Several of our members have been enriched by this experience.

Contact us or see our website for ideas.





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