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CFI continues the training offered to Palestinian women blogging in Bethlehem

From 25 June to 6 July, CFI, along with the French Consulate in Jerusalem, is organising its third session of the training course on **Creating and maintaining a blog for Palestinian women, called "An-Nathra" (The View)**.

An-Nathra's editorial line and themes are:

- Civilisation: politics, economy, international affairs
- Going Green: health, environment, prevention
- Changing the world: NGOs and profiles of exceptional people
- Leisure: sports, hobbies, cultural

This third session focusses on journalistic fundamentals and will bring together xxx women journalists that have completed the first two sessions, as well as four new women journalists from Gaza:

- **Enass Bannoura** Coordinator and trainer at the PCPD (Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy) for Bethlehem since 2008.
- **Bushra Farraj** Reporter for Shepherd TV (Bethlehem) since September 2009
- **Sukun Shaban** Journalist and reporter since June 2009 for Farah TV (Jenin).
- **Loulou Hindi** Journalism student at An-Najah National University in Nablus.
- **Rasha Moussa** Project Manager at TAM since March 2008 (Bethlehem)
- **Fidaa Hantash** TV journalist/reporter for Baladna TV since January 2008 (Qalqilyah).
- **Samya Wazwaz** Director of Public Relations for the Hebron Governorate since November 2005.
- **Maysa Assi** Journalism student at Al Quds University in Jerusalem.
- **Haneen Owdeh** Journalism student at Al-Aroub University in Bethlehem.
- **Waid Alqasim** Journalism student at Birzeit University.

This training session will be led by two experts appointed by CFI:

- **Samah Soula, star reporter for France 2 who covers investigative and special reports, specifically for items related to research, ethics, composition and neutrality. She will also go into detail on shooting short reports for trainee journalists.**

- **Sébastien Foll, developer at Rue89, will be in charge of technical aspects: downloading of videos on the blog, updated training on blog administration, and introduction of these aspects to newcomers.**

Enass Bassoura, trainee journalist in Bethlehem: "Thanks to this blog, we are able to analyse current events, and we express our points of view on society".

In 2009, an initial training session took place in Bethlehem from 1-14 November. For ten days, ten young Palestinian women were trained in new media: creating and maintaining a blog with a name as evocative as it is symbolic - An-Nathra, "The View". The second session that took place from 30 November to 10 December 2009 gave these young women a chance to further their knowledge in updating and maintaining the blog, and improving their journalistic style. Visiting newsrooms and meeting with journalists rounded out the training.

Over the past 3 years, CFI has completed six projects in Palestine, in the course of which 18 experts led 95 days of training to benefit 130 Palestinian professionals.

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