



CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE  
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY (OPT)

*A grassroots campaign working for the right to freedom of movement and residency in the oPt*

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### **RTE Call to Action by Academic Networks, Global Civil Society & Individuals – August 2018**

**We call on concerned individuals, organizations and networks** to intensify their efforts to advocate for Palestinians' fundamental right to education and academic freedom as well as the right freedom of movement and to hold the governments of Israel, third States and the Palestinian National Authority to their respective obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

1. **Endorse Birzeit University statement** <https://www.birzeit.edu/en/news/birzeit-university-condemns-breach-academic-freedom-after-academics-forced-leave-palestine>
2. **Send letters to relevant Israeli, UN and your own government representatives as well as the Quartet Representative's Office** demanding immediate action. (See list of contacts below.)
3. **Request meetings with relevant international and national representatives** to discuss the issue and secure their commitment to protecting the Palestinian right to education, academic freedoms and freedom of movement.
4. **Write your local press** protesting Israel's unlawful policy of entry denials and residency restrictions to the oPt in general and its devastating impact on Palestinian education in particular.
5. **Mobilise colleagues, teacher and student unions, and academic networks** through sharing of information, public actions and statements, petitions and letter writing campaigns.
6. **Encourage friends and family members affected by the policies to report their cases to diplomatic and elected representatives of their home countries.** (See <http://www.righttoenter.ps/take-action/>).

The successful return of individuals previously denied entry and the unhindered entry of others was made possible by **organized civic action involving a broad alliance of concerned individuals and organizations** within the Palestinian, Israeli and international communities. **Please act now!**

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