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Bethlehem Youth to Participate in Small Arms Workshop

Bethlehem, Occupied Palestinian Territories, 29/06/2006 – On July 4th, the Remember the Innocents (RTI) youth club will meet to discuss the effect of small arms in the Occupied Territories. Aware of regional and international calls for increased arms controls, the youth will use the workshop to learn about and debate small arms control in a Palestinian context. The goal is to decide whether small arms control will be the focus of the annual RTI local action campaign.

The workshop will be held at Bethlehem Hotel on Tuesday July 4th, 2006 from 9am to 5pm. Workshop guests include Palestinian youth trainer, Mr. Nasser Atallah (Defense for Children International), and local small arms expert, Mr. Bassem Eid (Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group).

“We want the chance to talk about how small arms are affecting Palestinian communities. We hope this workshop will help to unite us in our action.”

-Mirna Sakhleh, RTI youth club member

RTI is a youth-led initiative of Holy Land Trust’s Peace and Reconciliation program. Members work to develop their leadership skills and address issues that are directly affecting Palestinian youth. In December 2005, the RTI club launched the “Until When?” campaign to raise local awareness on the impact of using violence in all of its forms against children.

For more information on the RTI club visit: <http://www.theinnocents.org/>

About Holy Land Trust – Holy Land Trust is a Palestinian not-for-profit organization established in 1998 in Bethlehem with the aim of strengthening, encouraging and improving the Palestinian community through working with children, families, youth, and the non-governmental organization (NGO) community.

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