

# Multakana - مُلتَقانا

## Youth Voices For Peace 2023

*Forum and learning experience for young activists in  
peacebuilding*

### BASES OF THE CALL

#### 0. Object of the call. Brief description

This is an invitation for two (2) Middle East-based young activists to fund their participation in the event: “Multakana - مُلتَقانا Youth voices for Peace 2023 forum and learning experience for young activists in peacebuilding”.

Multakana - مُلتَقانا is organized by Fundació Autònoma Solidària (FAS), NOVACT and Kudwa Association within the framework of the project: “ASÍ TÍ: Fostering the role of internally displaced and refugee youth from the long-term conflicts in Syria and the KRI and youth from host communities in Jordan and Catalonia in peace building and the consolidation of democracy and human rights in the Middle East”, funded by The Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD).

Multakana - مُلتَقانا includes both a virtual and an in-person segments. The in-person event will take place in Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain) in the 30th and 31st of March 2023.

The organization can fund up to two (2) positions for Middle East-based young activists to economically cover their travel, visa and participation expenses.

Please, if interested, find more information below.

#### 1. Who are we?

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is a public university located in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. UAB is ranked among the top 5 best universities in Spain and among the top 100 best universities in Europe. The UAB is committed to contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Global Sustainable Development. With the aim of enhancing the university role as a socially transforming institution, the UAB develops equal-opportunity support strategies to ensure access to higher education.

**The Fundació Autònoma Solidària (FAS)** is a university-based social organisation affiliated with the UAB that strives to promote social change. FAS is responsible for promoting, implementing, and coordinating the FAS/UAB Hosting Program, designed to improve university practices towards the defence of refugee rights. The Program aims to foster full social inclusion of youths in need of refuge, enhance knowledge on the underlying and structural causes of forced displacements, and to facilitate access to higher education for refugee students and scholars.

**The International Institute for Nonviolent Action (NOVACT)** is an NGO that promotes international peacebuilding actions in conflict situations. NOVACT was born out of civil society's efforts to contribute to a peaceful, just, dignified and equitable world. Through a global network of experts and activists, the Institute supports nonviolent movements, working for change and social transformation, and develops nonviolent interventions to protect vulnerable communities in conflict situations.

**Kudwa** is a collective of Arabic Speaking migrants and refugees, which aims to fill the gap in migrant leadership within NGO space by providing opportunities for migrants and refugees to take on leadership roles and share their unique perspectives. We seek to foster spaces for intercommunity exchange, promote meaningful participation in decision-making, and increase understanding of the diverse needs of diverse migrants.

## 2. What is Multakana - ملتقانا?

In the framework of *ASÍTI* project, we are excited to announce that registration for the Multakana - ملتقانا – Youth Voices For Peace is now open!

Multakana - ملتقانا is a learning experience and a forum for young activists in peacebuilding at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB).

**Multakana - ملتقانا provides a platform for peacebuilders, young and professional activists, academics, as well as individuals who have just started their journey in activism from Catalonia and the Middle East to exchange experiences and knowledge on current challenges to peacebuilding and activism.**

This learning experience is divided into two segments:

A) An online course: this training includes 6 modules.

Objective: The videos are designed to discuss a variety of topics on peacebuilding and activism.

Method: each of the 6 videos is 20 minutes long during March.

Content: the primary topics covered in the videos are:

- Socio-political context of the Mashrek region
- Power of social transformation and activism
- Inequality, gender and sexual violence
- Conflict and climate interaction
- Meaningful participation
- Activists in exile and identity transformation

- B) An in-person forum: taking place at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Sapin, on March 30th and 31st. The Forum will give the participants a chance to connect with other activists and exchange the information they obtained from the online module and their experiences.

### 3. Funds coverage

This invitation aims at funding two (2) young activists from the Middle East for them to participate in Multakana – مُلتقانا. The offered fellowship invitation covers:

- Forum registration and access to the online training modules and virtual training.
- Visa expenses to obtain a short-term conferences and congress spanish VISA (up to a maximum of 500€ per person).
- Travel costs to come to Barcelona and attend the forum on March 30th and 31<sup>st</sup> and return (up to a maximum of 1.600€ per person).
- Accommodation in Barcelona and living expenses during the Forum days (from the 29<sup>th</sup> March to the 1<sup>st</sup> April).

### 4. Eligibility Criteria

We are looking for a wide range of people to participate in the forum, with varying backgrounds, experience, objectives, and stories to share. The selection is based on the following criteria:

- 4.1. Be Syrian, Kurdish, Iraqi or Palestinian-Syrian and living in Kurdistan, Syria, Iraq, Jordan or Lebanon.
- 4.2. Show willingness and determination to complete both modules of the Forum.
- 4.3. Be able to communicate effectively and fluently in spoken and written English on a variety of topics.
- 4.4. Have great motivation, a good record of leadership and community engagement, as demonstrated through volunteer and/or work experience.

### 5. How to apply

- **Fill out the application form:** <https://forms.gle/ESL8JaiqWR33MSer5>.
- Once completed, please **send an email confirming your application** to: [fas.acollida@uab.cat](mailto:fas.acollida@uab.cat) (subject field: "Multakana Application – *applicant's name*").

### 6. Registration period

Registration is **open from 9:00 (GTM) on 16<sup>th</sup> of February until 23:00 (GMT) on Sunday the 26th of February.**

*For more information, please contact us on the following email: [fas.acollida@uab.cat](mailto:fas.acollida@uab.cat)*