

# ***Why Palestine Matters, The Struggle to End Colonialism***

## **TIPS FOR COURSE LEADERS**

### **TIPS FOR OFFERING A COURSE**

**STEP 1:** Please begin to prepare by reading pages 98-101 in the book, entitled “Discussion Guide: Why Palestine Matters” by Katherine Cunningham.

**STEP 2:** On the website dedicated to the book, find the section on the Discussion Guide: [WhyPalestineMatters.org/discussion-guide-Reading](http://WhyPalestineMatters.org/discussion-guide-Reading) this thoroughly will support you in understanding your options for holding a course.

**STEP 3:** Gather 3-4 people from your group and/or invite allies to form the core Teaching Team.

**STEP 4:** Begin consultation with local groups who are or may potentially be interested in planning to host a course.

**STEP 5:** When you have a commitment, from a group or groups to proceed; discuss together what content would be most appealing for the participants.

**STEP 6:** Collaborate on scheduling and course location.

**STEP 7:** Simultaneously assign initial tasks to both begin local outreach and design the course.

**STEP 8:** As needed, reach out to IPMN, and or book co-editors for support, and with any questions you may have. email us at: [info@WhyPalestineMatters.org](mailto:info@WhyPalestineMatters.org)

**STEP 9:** Stay engaged as a team throughout the process.

**STEP 10:** The success of the course requires a balance of prepared leadership and facilitation of collaborative learning and advocacy.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- ◆ What is this course really about?
  - Palestine linked to all global justice struggles
  - Settler colonialism
  - Cross-movement organizing
- ◆ Is it required that participants have a basic knowledge of the situation in Palestine-Israel?
  - Yes. This course has an explicit rights-based, pro-justice point of view.
  - If a participant self-identifies as strongly pro-Israel, or uninformed on the issue, encourage they read *Steadfast Hope* before taking this course.
- ◆ Is attendance at every session required?
  - No. However, if you are out of town or cannot make it to a class, the assigned reading for each week is still required.
- ◆ What number of participants is ideal?
  - We recommend that 20-25 participants register. Someone may drop out before the course begins. This number takes sickness and schedule conflicts into account, as it is preferable to have no fewer than 15 people in attendance for each class.
- ◆ Is there a fee involved in taking the course?
  - Yes. We offer the course in complimentary spaces, without charge. Factoring in the cost of the book (\$12-\$15), name-tags, and a folder with handouts and blank notepaper, our customary charge to register for the course is \$25 per person. If a person already owns a copy of the book, the fee is dropped to \$12-\$13.

