

Press release

Young boxers join forces to create Palestinian-Danish partnership

A group of boxing trainers and young boxers from Vollsmose Boxing in Denmark is on its way to Palestine, where they will conduct training session with counterparts at El-Barrio, a boxing club in Ramallah. The aim is to establish Palestinian-Danish boxing cooperation.

From **August 6 to 13, 2017**, a group of two young boxers and three boxing trainers from Vollsmose Boxing in Denmark will visit Palestine and carry out training sessions together with boxing trainers and young boxers at El-Barrio, a boxing club in Ramallah.

The Danish group's visit is part of a new Danish House project aimed at establishing boxing cooperation between Palestine and Denmark. Throughout the week, the two clubs will conduct training sessions focusing on the styles of boxing that practised at both clubs as well as physical training, including weight training and running.

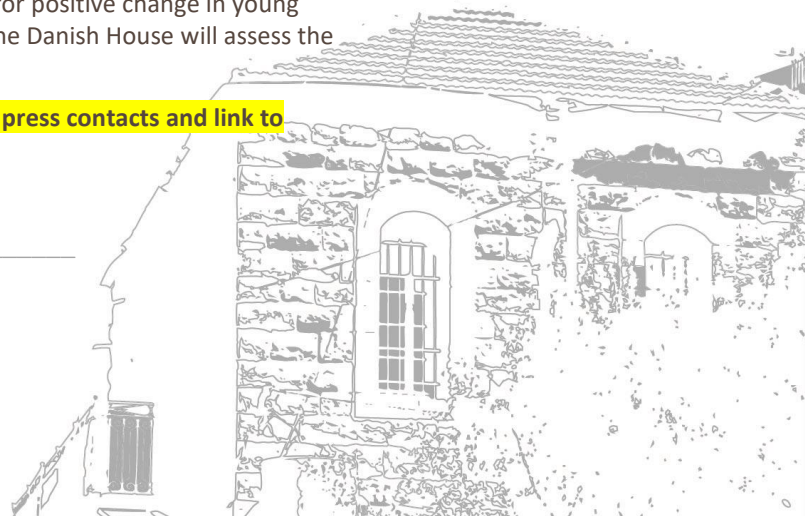
On **Friday, August 11th, at 7:30pm**, young boxers from both clubs will participate in a "public-media workout" in the Park of Independence (main gate) in the city of Al-Bireh. This public event will include training sessions and informal matches.

"We have great expectations to our visit to Palestine. This is a unique opportunity for trainers and young boxers from our club to exchange knowledge and best practises with Palestinian counterparts," says Shahbaz Aslam, head coach at Vollsmose Boxing.

"We look very much forward to receiving the Danish group in Ramallah, and we aim to develop a close and fruitful partnership between our two boxing clubs," says El-Barrio founder and head coach Nader Jayousi.

El-Barrio and Vollsmose Boxing apply a similar approach to boxing, combing high ambitions in the ring with an eye for boxing as a vehicle for positive change in young people's lives. After the August visit, the two clubs and the Danish House will assess the basis for a continuation of the partnership in 2018.

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El-Barrio is a boxing club based in the Palestinian city of Ramallah. El-Barrio hosts programs for children – boys and girls – whom they start receiving from the age of six. The club also organizes national champions in Palestine for all age groups. El-Barrio is run by former boxer Nader Jayousi who established the club in 2016.
Read more: [facebook.com/elbarriogym](https://www.facebook.com/elbarriogym)

Vollsmose Boxing is based in the Vollsmose district of Odense. The club has five weekly training sessions, in addition to participation in competitions and training camps. Several of the club's young boxers are selected for the Danish national youth team. The trainers have over 20 years of experience as trainers and active boxers.
Read more: vollsmose-boxing.dk

The Danish House in Palestine is an independent organisation based in Ramallah, Palestine. The Danish House aims to strengthen the mutual understanding and appreciation between Danish and Palestinian cultures. Activities include a range of exchange projects in cooperation with Palestinian and Danish partners.
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