

Appeal for IMET2000 Annual Gala Event on May 18, 2023 at 7pm on Zoom

IMET2000 is holding its Annual Gala Event on zoom on May 18, 2023, with an excellent line-up of celebrities, comedians, music and serious reports from the front line in Palestine and Uganda. We will be raising funds for seven urgently needed projects.

Child Mental Health in Palestine: IMET2000 is supporting children with mental health problems in both the West Bank and in Gaza. It sponsors mainly poor and needy children in three different Centres in the West Bank and is building up a much-needed Child Mental Health Centre in Gaza run by four psychologists and two psychiatrists. The numbers of severely traumatised children have increased dramatically in the last two years. IMET2000 is keen to expand the Centre to cope with increased demand as well as increase the number of poor and needy children treated in the West Bank in several centres, for example those with severe autism, attention deficit syndrome and PTSD.

Sponsorship of Bedouin and Poor Students to Study Medicine: Our IMET2000 Chief Executive, Dr Malik Zaben has taken up his role as Dean of the Arab-American University of Palestine (AAUP) School of Medicine based in Jenin. He is very keen to support with scholarships very promising students from poor farming and Bedouin communities in the Jordan Valley. Dr Malik has identified eight students unable to continue their studies without financial help and support each of them if sufficient funds are raised from this Gala Event.

Setting Up a New Sensory Room: for children with special needs in the new Centre for Child Mental Health under the umbrella of the Jasmine Society. This Centre will serve families in the rural areas around Jerusalem where most needed. IMET2000 has a well-established collaboration with the Jasmine Society and has already funded five such rooms in different regions in Palestine. They have proven invaluable in therapy of disturbed children.

Twelve-month Training Fellowship in Child Psychiatry in UK: Through established links with members of our Board of Trustees and Council of Patrons, we are setting up an intensive course in child psychiatry to be offered to one of our IMET2000 trainees in general psychiatry on graduation after 6 years in Irbid, Jordan. On completion of his training, this IMET2000 Fellow will be the first child psychiatric specialist to return to Palestine and serve the community.

Two-week Course in UK for 40 Medical Students: Through established relations between IMET2000 Trustees and Patrons, Dr Malik, as Dean of the AAUP School of Medicine, has negotiated with both Dundee and Oxford Schools of Medicine, a two-week course in clinical studies for 40 of his excellent AAUP students.

Earthquake Appeal: After destruction of our large child education and psycho-social programme in Syrian refugee camps in Antakya and Idlib, we are having to rebuild the whole show from scratch.

Cataract Surgery in Uganda Free to Poor Patients: IMET2000 has established a modern Eye Clinic in Herona Hospital serving a population in Mukono District of over 600,000. Many of those seen are near-blind needing cataract surgery but cannot afford the cost of surgery. IMET2000 is currently carrying out 30 cataract operations every month but still have a waiting list of some 400, many of them infants and older children. The programme has been extremely successful. With more funding we could increase the numbers operated on to 50/month.

If you would like to support any of these projects at our event on May 18, 2023, please go to our dedicated JustGiving page

www.justgiving.com/campaign/imet2000annualgalaeventonzoommay2023