

BPFTN template letter of support

To be used alongside the letter of invitation and the accommodation offer.

(Name of friendship or twinning group - you could also include your logo)

(Address of the host)

(In full with town postcode,)

UK

(Contact number of host)

(Email contact of host)

Date

British Consulate-General,
Visa Department,
19 Nashashibi Street,
Sheikh Jarrah Quarter,
PO BOX 19690,
East Jerusalem 97200.

To whom it may concern:

(Name of group) has invited (guest), a resident of (Palestinian home town), West Bank/Gaza, Palestine, to visit us in (British Town) UK, for the period (exact dates) inclusive. A copy letter of invitation, and details of accommodation during the visit, are enclosed.

(Name of guest)'s passport details are as follows:
(Insert passport details)

The visa application made to facilitate this visit was submitted on (full date) and the reference number allocated to the application is (reference number).

(Name of friendship / twinning group) (website link if applicable) was established in (date) as part of the Britain Palestine Friendship and Twinning Network, which you can read more about here (insert website link).

I enclose (a leaflet or other) describing our objectives which are broadly to offer friendship to the people of (place in Palestine), help to secure their civil liberties, promote the observance of international humanitarian law in Palestine, contribute to the relief of need in (place in Palestine) by funding small projects, and promoting visits, of which this is the (give details of any previous visits both from the place and of the person who has applied for the visa) from (place in Palestine) to the UK.

I am now the (officer title) for (F/T group). The other officers are listed on the leaflet. We operate under the rules of the Charity Commission, for example through our constitution (include this information if your group is a registered charity- if you are not a reg. charity include further

information about your governance structure). We have (number) members and (number) on our mailing list (include if relevant).

During the last (x years) members of (F/T group) have visited (place in Palestine). The group has (give details of recent or regular activities- see example provided e.g. held regular public meetings in (UK town) to explore various aspects of life in Palestine. We have raised funds for a school library (completed); in February 2010 and again in June 2013 we organised concerts in Watford given by Palestinian Musicians to raise funds for musical and cultural education in Salfeet; we have raised funds to plant olive trees in Salfeet villages (completed); and we are now raising funds to support poor childrens' attendance at a kindergarten in Kefr Deik village).

We are funding (guest's name) return airfare from Amman to London Heathrow. WFS will bear the costs of her/his UK visa, return travel from (X to Y) and (X nights) in (place if transit e.g. in Amman is needed) estimated at £X total—and all costs in the UK.

We are well able to bear these costs. I attach our Treasurer's Report (or equivalent) for X year, which shows our income to be £X for that year. With expenditure of £X our balance at the end of (date) was £X. The most recent X group bank statement (attached) shows a current balance of £X.

(Name of guest) will return to (place in Palestine) at the end of her stay. A (friendship / twinning group) member will accommodate (name of guest) in their home as listed in the invitation letter. I also enclose a letter giving further details of that accommodation.

We are working on the programme for the visit now. During this brief visit we are planning specifically that she/he talks to (give details of planned activities e.g. the WFS Committee, MPs as organised by X MP on X date, members of the House of Lords, and possibly other Ministers. She will also have the opportunity to talk to audiences in Watford and the local area about Salfeet, her life there and the impact of the occupation, and what we in Watford can do to help. The target audiences here include church and mosque congregations).

We look forward to the authorisation of the visa. If you require any further information, my phone number and email address are given at the top of this letter - please contact me and I will be very glad to assist.

Yours faithfully,

(host's name)
(host's organisation)