

Several youth non-governmental organizations in Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate

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Abstract:

This study was conducted during the period from September 2017 and late April 2018. The study, which covered several youth non-governmental organizations in Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate, aimed at identifying the role of youth NGOs in sustaining political engagement of youth in the said Governorate. The study adopted the descriptive methodology and data were collected through designing a special questionnaire tool which was distributed among a sample of (186)

Study Conclusions: Youth NGOs can play a vital role in sustaining political engagement of youth in terms of empowering them and building their leadership character through promoting their personal and leadership skills and enhancing their self-motivation which reflect the impact youth NGOs have on enabling youth to assume leading positions. These youth NGOs also contribute to enriching rehabilitation and training field through the endeavors they make to promote political interest and knowledge, political voting and political demands; this is achieved through developing advocacy skills and civil education which in turn develops the skills of dealing with youth problems effectively, and allows as well developing a national plan that addresses youth problems. Moreover, youth NGOs help promoting voluntary work skills, creating a culture of volunteerism and enhancing woman participation in voluntary work. In addition, these NGOs provide youth with the opportunity for playing a role in developing policies and promoting human rights, as well as sustaining their participation in public life; this enables youth to address political and developmental issues of their communities and influence youth-related legislations and laws through educating them on their rights and duties and treating them as partners in decision-making.

Recommendations: Weaknesses should be addressed and strengths should be promoted. Different media channels within institutions should be given greater attention and developed to play a more influential role in building and promoting youth experiences and character. A comprehensive national plan should be developed to address youth issues and needs in a participatory manner among youth NGOS to ensure consistency of their roles. It is also important to establish procedures and regulations that ensure practical application of youth