

## Nes Ammim Israel is looking for a Manager of the Centre of Learning and Dialogue



Nes Ammim is a village in the Western Galilee, Israel, dedicated to encounter, dialogue, learning and hospitality. In its midst lives an international, ecumenical Christian community, founded and supported by European Christians and churches. Its members, motivated by the lessons of the past and the challenges of the present, are living, working and learning in solidarity with the wide spectrum of people in the country: Jews, Arabs and others.

Study, dialogue and fellowship are essential aspects of Nes Ammim. Activities in these areas are organized and supervised by the Centre of Learning and Dialogue. Volunteers and visitors have the opportunity to participate in an intensive study program which focuses on Jewish-Christian encounter, as well as ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. Moreover, the program gives an insight into the challenging diversity of the Israeli society, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Nes Ammim dialogue and fellowship program aims at hosting and subsidizing local interethnic and interreligious dialogue initiatives, as well as the activities of local churches. In this way, the Nes Ammim movement seeks to show its solidarity with all Israeli's and at the same time wants to learn from these activities. The lessons learnt are shared through the study program, programs for travel groups, and through lectures, publications and seminars initiated in Europe. The Protestant Church in the Netherlands and the Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland are the main donors of this program, while other German and Italian churches also contribute.

Currently, Nes Ammim is expanding and in the coming years 90 Jewish and Arab families will come to live in a new neighbourhood that is being built. Nes Ammim aims to develop into a mixed village where everybody feels welcome. This expansion also brings the challenge to grow towards one integrated community, consisting of both permanent inhabitants and volunteers.

In November 2014, the position of Manager of the Centre of Learning and Dialogue will become vacant. To fill this vacancy we are looking for a theologian/philosopher/cultural anthropologist, preferably a church minister, who is willing to work on the same conditions as the other volunteers in key positions, for a period of preferably 3 years.

We expect the manager

- To be a curious connector, able to contribute to the integration between the volunteers, the new inhabitants and the broader networks of Nes Ammim, in Israel, Palestinian Territories and Europe.
- To be an enthusiastic teacher, who in cooperation with the leader of the study program expands the educational program for volunteers and a variety of other target groups.
- To be a skilled leader who is able to manage a dynamic office of five volunteers and employees, and who overviews and contributes to the processes of fundraising, budget making, and (financial) reporting to donors.
- To be a sensitive intercultural networker who, in cooperation with an international and Israeli committee of experts, develops the mid-term and long-term strategic agenda of the Centre concerning local dialogue and Christian fellowship.
- To challenge and support the volunteers to reflect on faith and identity questions that come up during their stay in Nes Ammim and to contribute to church life.

- To be a link between the work in Nes Ammim and European churches and other interested groups, by giving lectures, writing articles and initiating other relevant activities in Europe.
- To be an ideologically driven decision-maker, actively participating in the management team of Nes Ammim
- To have a good command of English, Dutch and/or German and willingness to learn the basics of Hebrew and Arabic.

For further information contact Wim Kuiper: [wkuiper@besturenraad.nl](mailto:wkuiper@besturenraad.nl); tel. +31 (0)6 54777170. Applications (in English), comprising of our application form, a motivation and CV are to be send **before May 18<sup>th</sup>** to Piet van Keulen: [post@nesammim.nl](mailto:post@nesammim.nl).

The job description and application form can be found on our website [nesammim.org](http://nesammim.org).