

World Jewish Relief – Giving Circles

Giving Circles are a powerful tool to democratize and diversify philanthropy, engage new supporters to a charity and introduce participants to the workings of philanthropy. Like all charities, World Jewish Relief has a unique story to tell; a story that combines supporting some of the world's most vulnerable Jewish communities in Eastern Europe as well as responding to the Syrian refugee crisis in Turkey & Greece as part of our historical legacy of supporting refugees. We are excited to share our story with you and we believe that Giving Circles will help understand our story as well as encourage new and dynamic ways of engaging philanthropically with our work.

What are Giving Circles?

An increasing amount of young supporters want to engage intellectually with the work of their chosen cause. For some, philanthropy means an active engagement with the charities core work, learning about the beneficiaries and grappling with some of the ethical/moral dilemmas those in the charitable sector face.

Giving circles consist of a small group of friends/colleagues meeting on a monthly basis at a different location each time, over a self-determined period of time (normally 4- 5 months). As well as giving a friendship group the chance to socialise, giving circles allow young philanthropists to spend a dedicated amount of time learning about the work of a specific charity. Giving circles allow individuals to make well informed decisions about their charitable giving with an understanding of how their support will benefit those less fortunate.



How you can get involved?

World Jewish Relief is excited to introduce Giving Circles to our supporters. We are on the hunt for passionate advocates of our work to get involved with this exciting project. In order to tailor the experience to the groups needs as well, the power is very much in your hands. You decide where you meet, how long you want your cycle to last and how you want your giving circle sessions to be delivered. We would be delighted to provide speakers, materials and case studies and offer tailor made support depending on the nature of your circle.



Possible Schedule:

Session 1: Introduction to Eastern Europe – Learn more about the life of some of Eastern Europe's fascinating Jewish communities after the collapse of the Soviet Union

Session 2: World Jewish Relief projects in Eastern Europe - From home repairs to our livelihood development programme; learn more about the transformative work of World Jewish Relief in Eastern Europe.

Session 3: International Portfolio - Famine, war, refugee crises and earthquakes: How have World Jewish Relief acted at times on humanitarian crises?

Session 4: Summary & Pledge – How is your giving circle going to support World Jewish Relief?