

RECONCILIATION THROUGH STORYTELLING



PEACE AND FREEDOM ORGANISATION (PFO)
NINEWA PLAINS, IRAQ

ISIS CAUSES POLARISATION

The Ninewa Plains are one of the most diverse areas in Iraq with around **14 different ethno-religious communities**. After the area was liberated from IS control, **mistrust arose** between different groups. The “returnees” accused the “remainees” of having supported IS and contributed to the destruction of their lives and property.



COMMUNITIES APPROACHING EACH OTHER

The work of the six Local Peace Committees has gained the support of different religious and municipal leaders and has **brought communities closer together**. Different faith groups have helped each other out and **joined each other's celebrations**.

DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, DIFFERENT STORIES

Male and female young people from all ethno-religious groups were brought together by PFO to form **Local Peace Committees** to rebuild trust through joint activities.

The simple **practice of storytelling** was an important activity for learning about each other's perspective and helped promote understanding that everyone was suffering from the IS tyranny.



A Connecting activities & community events

F Formats overcoming conflicts & division