A new generation has arisen in the Arab community, a generation that says “no more,” that seeks to change the pattern of leadership. This is a generation that has both an Arab-Palestinian and an Israeli identity, a generation that sees its future here, a generation that is not waiting for others to act, but is seeking out new ways to change reality and build fresh alliances with Jewish society, from a position of power and shared ownership of the country.

This initiative has come to strengthen, organize, and amplify those Arab voices that are striving to build the principles, values, and content of equal citizenship in Israel, that are rejecting the personal sphere and associations with voices that are different from, and sometimes even alien to, the Arab public, and seeking cooperation instead. Leaving the bubble that has been imposed on the Israeli Arab public, they are choosing the Israeli public. This initiative will achieve these goals via a journey into Israeli society, a journey that is born out of a desire to change the status quo and create a practical platform for ideas that can spark a new Arab civic public discourse and, in turn, influence the wider public discourse.

Our goal is the formation of a taskforce that incorporates leadership and young leaders hailing from most areas of public policy—national politics, municipal leadership, business and economics, civil society, media and communications, education, and academia. These individuals will come from the Arab political left and right and will work together from a desire to expand their partnership with Jewish society from a position of power and from a commitment to building a future for all based on the values of cooperation, understanding, equality, and democracy.

6 study sessions, 4 tours, and 2 seminars.

Number of sessions: 12 sessions.

Frequency of sessions: sessions will take place every three weeks, four one-day tours, two two-day seminars including overnight stays.

Session time: Thursdays and Fridays.