



***Why Stories Matter: How Media and Storytelling Shape Our Understanding of Movements for Rights and Dignity***

**About Just Vision**

Just Vision is a team of filmmakers, storytellers and human rights advocates that increases the power and reach of Palestinians and Israelis working to end the occupation and build a future of freedom, dignity and equality for all. We tell their stories through award-winning films, digital media and targeted public education campaigns that undermine stereotypes, inspire commitment, and galvanize action.

**About *The Women Leaders of the First Intifada Untitled Film***

Just Vision's forthcoming documentary tells the story of the courageous women who secretly organized the largest, most coordinated civil resistance movement in Palestinian history. In the summer of 1988, a clandestine network of Palestinian women activists emerged from the fringes of society to lead a vibrant social movement. Thirty years later, this film will bring their remarkable, untold story to the world stage for the first time.

**Discussion Questions:**

- (1) What images or impressions did you have of the First Intifada (if any) before watching this footage? How did the images in the film challenge or confirm your understanding of this period? What are some of the key takeaways you were left with after watching?
- (2) When teaching about social movements and struggles for rights and equality – both historical and those that are ongoing – what resources do you use to engage your students? What are some tools that you wish you had to support or further your pedagogy?
- (3) What links can be drawn from the strategies of organizers during the First Intifada to those used by leaders and activists in other global social movements? How can this story be understood in the context of transnational and intersectional struggles that continue today?

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