



Elad Vazana CV 2023



Program Developer and Leadership Trainer Mediator and Dialogue Facilitator Tour Guide for Social Change

Elad Vazana is an educator, multi-narrative tour guide, an artist and experienced mediator and facilitator of successful face-to-face relationship building for social change. For the last 18 years Elad has helped people with diverse backgrounds from all over the world to build trust while experiencing that “an enemy is one whose story we have not heard.”

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As a Guide and Facilitator I worked with : National Geographic, NYU, Harvard medical school, Reed college, Manhattan college, CRDC, Neve shalom - Oasis of Peace, Hebrew university, Peace Players, Tikva Israelit, Arava institute, ArtsBridge, Sulha Peace Project, JDC Israel, Eastern Mennonite University, The Center for educational Technology (CET), Eco ME, Gevim Mediation Center, Radio All for peace, JustVision, Dor Hamidbar, Social and environmental Initiatives, Living Room Dialogue, Ministry of education and [many more](#)..

Awards

2023 Selected to receive the “**Ambassador of Peace 2023**” award from The **Norman Miller Center for Peace, Justice & Public Understanding**. Green bay, Wisconsin.

2010 received “**The Heart of Service**” award for the service to **peace and environment** from the **Shinnyo-en Foundation**. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Work and Creation 1996 – 2023

2011 - 2023 Tour for Change freelance tour guide, dialogue leader and initiator of environmental and peace programs. <http://www.tour4change.com>

2020-2022 Co-founder of ‘**Mekomi**’ a growing progressive school and community in nature.

2011-2023 Middle East Justice and Development Initiatives (Mejdi Tours) Tour guide.

2017, Portland, Oregon Activity : My wife, Iris, was invited by the Schusterman Foundation as a performing arts teacher of Dance at Reed College. While in Oregon, I offered to conduct Dozens of workshops, Mediation sessions and speaking engagements in Portland and the Pacific Northwest [Read full activity report](#)

2015 Tour guides as a bridge initiator, leader & facilitator. (Tour guides as a bridge between cultures, nations, ethnic groups and religions, in order to create a consciousness of understanding and closeness for thousands of travelers and tourists- coming from abroad as well as for many local residents.) [Read full report](#)

2012-1016 Massa-Masar-(“Journey”) Program, Head of project, Guides training, Program and planning, Guiding and facilitating. (A group of 30 Jewish, Muslim and Christian teenagers on a 4-day Journey to visit and learn together about Israel's diverse communities...) [Read reports](#)

2011-2012 Mejdj Tours - Middle East regional Director Guides training, Guiding Materials development, customers relation and service ,Program and Itinerary building, Network building,

2010-2017 A new Way - Educational Peace Program Development, facilitators training, teachers development

2012-2013 The radio station All for Peace – Radio broadcaster of the program "life stories"

ArtsBridge institute - Dialogue co-facilitator

More than 20 Different communities and academic institutes in the US – Leader of workshops and speaking engagements.

2009-2010 Sulha Peace Project - Director,

2011-2015 Sharing Life stories and music as a bridge between humans and cultures
Developer and initiator. Leading events and workshops and training facilitators in this method.

2004 – 2015 Sulha Project for Peace and Sulhita – Youth Leadership for Peace, training and definition of management, leadership and discussion director teams, program and content development and management, consulting for organizational development and human resources. Initiating and leading encounters, accompanying projects and initiatives.

2007 JDC Israel, Elka – Leadership of supervising team, developing yearly program for active citizenship. Writing a book for group discussion leaders.

The Open Nursery School in Shores – Head instructor for children, ages 3-4.

2006-2008 Desert Generation for Social and Environmental Initiative in the Negev – Producing and directing seminars for young leadership, developing social and environmental initiatives in the Bedouin communities of the Negev. Providing guidance towards defining a vision and training, selecting members of the instruction teams.

2005 - Youth Leading Change for Equal Opportunities and Social Justice – Heading group

discussions for youth in the process of developing individual identity and gender awareness.

2001 – 2004 Gevim North, Mediation Center – Director of Educational Department of northern division and regional projects, responsible for team instruction, discussion leader for mediator groups, development of annual programs, writing training material and lesson plans.

1999 – 2001 Comedia Group Ltd., Multimedia Products for Teaching and Communications – company's founder and manager, project manager, also responsible for system definitions and multimedia productions.

1997 – 2000 The Center for Educational Technology and Open University – lectures for teachers and managers, developing teaching programs that combine technology and educational content. Initiating, producing and establishing educational projects, accompanying and training instructors.

Tel Aviv College, Multimedia Department - Annual student training in multimedia development, animation and internet, guiding students in their final project and placement within the professional sector.

1996 Israel Association for Child Protection (ELI), Place in the Heart Emergency Shelter for Children in Danger - Instructor and children's caretaker.

Studies and Qualifications:

The Forum for Regional Thinking, The Israelie - Palestinian conflict

Summer Peacebuilding Institute, Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience

School of tourism, Haifa university – Certified tour guide

Mastery foundation – school for leadership

ArtsBridge institute – using arts as a tool for dialogue.

facilitative Leadership, Shatil - Empowerment and Training Center for Social Change Organizations in Israel

The Organization for Citizens Rights – International Humanitarian Law

Salto European Training , Canary Islands – Leading intercultural encounters

Musrara School of Video – Jewish-Arab photography exhibit on social and environmental justice

IPCCRI - Peace-oriented education

The Inter-cultural Center, Jerusalem - Director of Jewish-Arab projects, conducted in Arabic

Tel Hai College - Studies in education and psychology

The Israel Women's Network – Gender and equality between the sexes

Misgav Regional Council – Community activists course for the prevention of violence and addiction

Gevim Center for Mediation – Qualified Mediator

Centro Albaizin, Granada, Spain – Antique reproduction and stone sculpting

Caza de Poros, Granada, Spain – Reflexology, Group Dynamics and Social Activities Leadership

Adama Dance Group – Modern Dance and Movement

Tel Aviv College – Multimedia Creation and Editing

University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco – Interior Design and Furnishing

General:

Co-founder of 'Mekomi' a growing progressive school and community in nature.

Member of the Board of "Vision of the Heart" organization.

Member of the representative forum of peace organizations.

Volunteer driving of Palestinian children in need of medical treatment in Israel.

Artistic sculpting in stone and wood, oil and acrylic painting, guitar playing.

Participation in dozens of dialog groups.

Voluntary support and accompanying of social and environmental initiatives.

1990-1993 IDF – Served as combat tank commander, team leader and training of combat soldiers.

Languages: **Hebrew** – Mother tongue, **English** – very good, **Spanish** – Good, **Arabic** – Good communication **Portuguese** – Good communication