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## THE MIDDLE EAST IN US: Deepening the Dialogue

- \* Date: **27th February 2007**
- \* Venue: Hanover Room Brighthelm Centre, Brighton
- \* Time 6.30pm – 9.15pm

Dialogue is a political and personal (inter)action. It brings up the question: How do we each contribute to and model the changes we seek in the world?

During the last forum, we heard many different voices, and personal stories concerning vital issues in the Middle East and how we are involved and affected here in the UK. Talking about such painful themes, we must anticipate strong feelings and disagreements, and appreciate each individual for their contribution. Such a forum is just one contribution to the great need in community to discuss the issues which divide us, and which connect us, and find a way forward together. One of the major issues that arose at the last forum was the difficulty of deepening dialogue, when all sides experience and identify with suffering, while many feel that the reality of the inequalities between us are insufficiently acknowledged.

In the coming forum we will continue this discussion, with new participants welcome. We will include a diversity of voices. We welcome everyone to share their own viewpoint and experience, and to listen and relate to others, even and especially at the most difficult points of our interaction - as one contribution to the steps needed to build sustainable relationship in community.

Time will be provided for small groups and networking.

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