

Harmeet Sooden

Harmeet Singh Sooden is a Kashmiri Sikh, Indo-Zambian, a Canadian and New Zealand citizen, and an overseas citizen of India.

He is a licensed professional engineer and currently employed by a company in Auckland that develops software for the healthcare sector. He also coaches squash.

Harmeet has volunteered for the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in Iraq.



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He was kidnapped in Iraq in 2005 along with three colleagues while participating in an international CPT delegation, and held for four months. One member of the group, Tom Fox, was murdered.

In 2008, he attempted to travel to the OPT via Israel to work with ISM, but was denied entry, held incommunicado, assaulted and removed by Israeli authorities on the pretext of being a “threat to the security of the State of Israel”.

Harmeet has joined the ‘Freedom Flotilla 2’ initiative as part of his continuing efforts to raise public awareness about the Israel-Palestine conflict. If successful in reaching Gaza, he will be able to volunteer for ISM.