## **Erbil Marathon**

Period: 2011-2014

Country: Iraq

Organisation responsible: Erbil Marathon Organization for Sport & Peace



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Activity: Erbil Marathon use sport and running as a tool for spreading peace and establish love and non-violence in the community.

## Objectives

Increasing awareness of the Iraqi society to the concept of peace and community building through sport.

Providing an opportunity for people of all backgrounds and regions in Iraq to work together and a commitment to peace and non-violence in the country.

Providing an opportunity for the international community to stand up publicly (and running!) In solidarity with the Iraqis in their struggle for human rights, peace and justice.

Educating young people about Iraq's new and exciting ways of peace and community building through sport, and renounce violence.

## Description

Erbil International marathon for peace and development will not only host the professional runners, but also sports fans, whether they are individuals or families or people with special needs of any gender, where they can participate individually or in groups representing non-governmental organizations, government ministries, and youth clubs and student trade unions or any other informal groups, to compete in one of the following races (2 km, 10 km, full marathon 42.194 km) where many prizes will be awarded to the winners.

## GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space

(113) Create mechanisms for civil society awareness on their rights, roles and responsibilities and Lobby the international community institutions to adopt mechanisms to protect and empower civil society.

(115) Support the establishment of regional and global platforms for civil society, youth, women's organisations and religious leaders to enable them to share good practices and experience to improve work in their communities.