

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH MIDDLE EAST - RECENT AWARDS

SKOLL AWARD, 2009

FoEME was awarded the Skoll Award in 2009. The Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship are presented by the Skoll Foundation to recognize the most innovative and sustainable approaches to resolving the world's most urgent social issues, including tolerance and human rights, health, economic and social equity, peace and security, institutional responsibility, and environmental sustainability. FoEME was recognized for our ability to “turn an area of conflict – water – into a platform for on-the-ground cooperation, to promote problem solving through people-to-people contact and for advancing regional development and creating necessary conditions for lasting peace”. They cited our Good Water Neighbors community project and program to rehabilitate the Lower Jordan River as leading examples of cross border initiatives that have fostered collaboration and increased awareness of common interests. Read our [press release](#) about the award for additional information.

TIME MAGAZINE, 2008

TIME selected FoEME's three directors as [Environmental Heroes](#) alongside internationally renowned leaders, entrepreneurs and scientists in the environmental field. The award's accompanying article highlights FoEME's efforts to rehabilitate the Jordan River- Dead Sea ecosystem and to establish the cross border Jordan River Peace Park. The [Introduction to the Environmental Heroes award](#) further highlights FoEME's work in quoting Andrew Lee Butters, Middle East TIME correspondent, who wrote of FoEME that "They understand that 'the road to sustainability, like the road to peace, is going to be a slow, messy human project of community organizing, education and trust-building.'" FoEME's Good Water Neighbors project takes just this grassroots approach by advancing cross border municipal level cooperation, even in the midst of conflict and building cross border alliances based on the common interest of rehabilitating shared water resources.

SEED Finalist Award, 2008

FoEME was honored to be selected to receive the [SEED Finalist Award](#) for our Jordan River Peace Park initiative for “entrepreneurship and outstanding potential to contribute to sustainable development”. [The SEED Initiative](#) provides project support to FoEME through expert advice through IUCN, UNEP and UNDP.