



IT Lebanon Association in Tripoli thriving despite violence

When sectarian violence broke out during the summer in Northern Lebanon, a small IT training center in Tripoli had launched the WIT program and started classes just two days prior. Faced with the dangerous situation, the new program put the safety of the participants first and stopped all classes. This was not the start hoped for, but did reiterate the need for such a program, which brings education and empowerment to women who are trapped in these impossible situations.

When peace prevailed, less than half of the women who had enrolled for the training at the IT Lebanon Association felt secure enough to return. Despite their strong support of the WIT program, many family members expressed trepidation about the safety of the women. This slowly changed and as the months progressed, students returned to the WIT classroom. Sadly, in September violence took center stage again with a bomb exploding less than 30 meters from the WIT center.

Living in an area filled with political strife comes with its own set of challenges, yet the women at this center are filled with hope. The women strive to learn the technical and leadership skills offered by WIT so they may make a difference in the lives of others and work to bring peace to their country. Under the guidance of IT Lebanon Association they are planning activities that empower them to positively impact their communities.

