Reza teaching photography to refugee children in Jordan to see the world through a new lens

From June 18th to June 26th, 2008 Reza traveled to Jordan where he taught the art of photography to young Palestinian and Iraqi refugees.

Organized by National Geographic, the International NGO Medical Corp and the Jordanian foundation “Jordan River”, this photography class was given by National Geographic photographers. One of the goals of these photography classes was to facilitate the creativity of young people, and by giving them a camera, allow them to see the world differently.

Throughout his career Reza has trained numerous people in photography in refugee camp. In the 1980’s he trained Afghan refugees in Pakistan and more recently, in 2006, in young refugees in Uganda.
For Reza, photography remains a premium medium in the long road towards the freedom of expression and democracy.

The week of training in Jordan, which closed with an exhibition of the young photographers’ works at the Children’s Museum of Jordan, allowed these young refugees from 13 to 19 years old to learn a way of witnessing from their own lives through their own experiences, of war and exile.

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