

# FROM COMPETITION TO COMMUNITY – A RECLAIM REFLECTION

ON FEMINIST SOLIDARITY, STORYTELLING, AND WHY  
BISAN OWDA'S VOICE MATTERS

## INTRODUCTION

The RECLAIM project was, all in all, a total success for me. I had a truly great time filled with meaningful encounters and many learning moments. Meeting women from different regions and backgrounds, especially from Poland and the Czech Republic, gave me new perspectives and reminded me how powerful cross-border exchange can be.



One of the most meaningful moments of RECLAIM for me was the Pecha Kucha presentation; not only because of the format, but because it allowed me to speak about someone who inspires me deeply.

## MEET BISAN OWDA

JOURNALIST · ACTIVIST · FILMMAKER  
FROM GAZA

Bisan Owda is a young Palestinian journalist, activist, and filmmaker from Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza. From early on, she chose storytelling as her way of engaging with the world; not only to report events, but to shape narratives and preserve memory.



## STORYTELLING AS A TOOL FOR TRUTH

- Before the war, Bisan documented everyday life in Gaza: markets, families, culture.
- She studied filmmaking and journalism, focusing on youth, identity, and community.
- Through social media, she built a global audience by showing Gaza through a human lens.

## WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED

When the conflict escalated, Bisan lost her family home and her office where her filming equipment was stored. Yet she continued documenting life using only her phone.

**"IT'S BISAN FROM GAZA AND I'M STILL ALIVE."**

— A SENTENCE THAT BECAME A SYMBOL OF RESILIENCE.

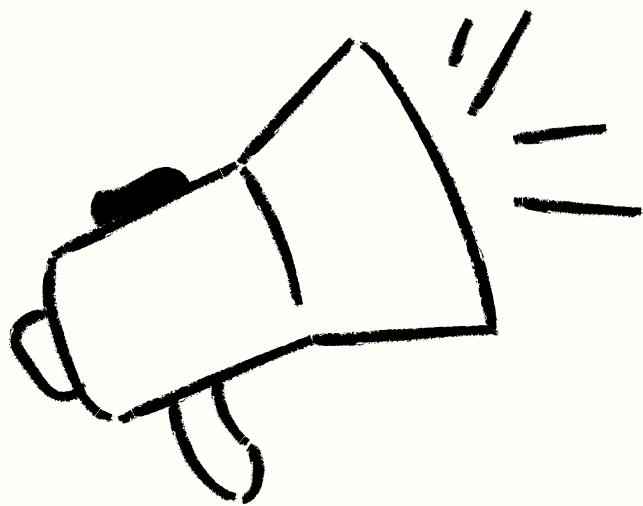


## WHY SHE INSPIRES ME

What inspires me most about Bisan is her clarity and courage. She shows that leadership does not require a title, it requires speaking up, preserving memory, and choosing humanity even in danger.

## REVIEW

RECLAIM created a space where such stories could be shared collectively. Through the project, I gained more confidence in speaking up and trusting my own voice.



## WHAT DOES NOT KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER

Bisan's storytelling reminds us that even in times of destruction, voices matter. RECLAIM reminded me that solidarity strengthens learning and courage. Together, we rise.