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Vancouver - A team comprised of women, half from Israel and half from Palestine, will be taking to the pitch in a friendly game against the VPD Women's Soccer Club at Andy Livingstone Park at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6th.

"The Beautiful Game" has inspired generations of people and has been a conduit for social change and community action. Over the years, sport has transcended world conflicts between people and nations and, as Nelson Mandela said, "Sport can create hope where there was only despair." The women from Israel and Palestine have come together, under the banner of sport, and are travelling the world playing soccer to show that there is hope.

"The work that One Team United has done to bring people from around the world together to promote world peace and social change through soccer is an honour for us to be a part of," said Inspector Jeannie Yee of the Vancouver Police Department. "We jumped at the opportunity to participate in this match and look forward to meeting the women from Israel and Palestine, women who are a positive example for everyone."

Everyone is invited to attend the game and cheer on the players participating in the match. More information on One Team United and the Vancouver International Soccer Festival can be found at <http://www.oneteamunited.ca/>

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Aside from the visuals of the two teams playing, there should be an opportunity to speak with the players/representatives from both teams.