



NEIGHBOURS FOR PEACE PROJECT

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Based on our experience over the last 18 months of working with local communities, FODIP has launched its 'Neighbours for Peace' project. This project encourages members of different religious communities to come together for practical support of positive initiatives run by Israelis and Palestinians.



- Local groups and individuals already working across communal boundaries are encouraged to form consortia to support Israeli/Palestinian initiatives. The support is locally based and run, and involves an inter religious/cross-communal element, drawing on links and relationships already built up. For example, a Christian/Muslim local forum may decide to support either a range of organisations working in the region, one Christian-run, one Muslim-run, or one joint Christian/Muslim Palestinian project and an Israeli project.
- FODIP can provide suggestions, set up the links with suitable organisations in the region, where required, and provide information. However, FODIP reserves to the right to decide whether or not a regional organisation or local consortium can qualify for the programme.
- It is important that both communities support both/all projects and NOT only those run by their co-religionists. Local groups must agree criteria and vet suggestions together. Programmes suggested should not have direct links which might be contentious – e.g. to political parties, extremist groups or be based in West Bank settlements. (Guidance can be provided by FODIP.)

- Each local consortium will devise methods to provide support for these organisations, for example, by arranging an educational evening or running fund raising activities.
- A small set-up grant of up to £500 will be available to consortia to begin this.

The project addresses 3 aims:

- i) to promote cross communal co-operation and cohesion in the UK regions,
- ii) to educate those involved and the wider public on the situation in Israel and the OPT, encouraging a more nuanced and less polarised approach, and
- iii) to provide useful and practical help for those working for change in Israel and the OPT.

Neighbours for Peace is designed to run from January 2010 for 18 months initially.

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