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To the Leadership of Neve Shalom ~ Wahat al-Salam,

We are writing to share some important news and invite your collaboration on a new initiative we believe could make a meaningful contribution to the long-term educational and leadership development of your community.

Oasis of Peace UK has long supported the educational and community-building work of Neve Shalom ~ Wahat al-Salam. As part of our continued commitment to deepening this support, we are proud to announce the creation of a **UK Bursary Fund** for members of the NSWAS community who wish to pursue undergraduate or postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom in fields related to peace-building, justice, education, and social impact.

We see this new bursary as a flagship initiative that both strengthens our educational mission and expands opportunities for engagement with alumni of the School for Peace and other outstanding residents of the Village.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply, individuals must:

- Be an alumnus/alumna of the School for Peace and/or a long-standing member/resident of NSWAS or have **attended the NSWAS Primary School**
- Demonstrate a clear commitment to the values and mission of the Village
- Show strong academic potential or a proven professional track record in peace, justice, education, or social impact
- Have received an offer of admission to a recognised academic institution in the UK
- Be willing to engage with Oasis of Peace UK activities during or following the study period

What the Bursary Provides

This would be a **discretionary scheme**, distinct from our usual funding priorities and responsive to exceptional opportunities rather than regular need. The fund may support tuition fees, travel expenses, and/or living costs, depending on individual need and the available resources. Awards will be capped at **£10,000 for a one-year period**. We would also retain the flexibility to respond more generously in cases of particular urgency or merit.

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Application Process

Each year, a call for expressions of interest will be circulated through Village communication channels. Applicants will be asked to submit:

- A CV
- A motivation letter
- Proof of acceptance into a UK programme
- A proposed budget for the study period

Final selection will be made by the Oasis of Peace UK trustees based on merit, alignment with the bursary's goals, and available funding.

This year, following the initial application review, **shortlisted applicants will be invited to a Zoom interview with members of the Oasis of Peace UK Board**. The closing date for applications is **31st August 2025**.

We hope this initiative will offer a valuable pathway for emerging leaders in your community to gain further expertise and bring their knowledge and experience back to support peace-building efforts locally and internationally.

We would be grateful for your support in spreading the word about this opportunity. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to discuss the process further.

With warm regards



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