

# Alliance for Middle East Peace

# Representing Israeli and Palestinian Civil Society Peacebuilders Globally

The Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) is the largest network of Israeli and Palestinian peacebuilding organisations, with over 160 members working both for a shared society inside Israel between its Palestinian and Jewish citizens, and cross-border between Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza to work towards conflict resolution.

With regional offices in Israel and Palestine, ALLMEP offers projects and services designed to spur crossorganizational collaboration and help its members increase impact, strengthening the Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding field as a diverse but united whole. The civil society peacebuilding field has been active for decades, and our members have - despite the horrors of, and since, October 7th- continued their critical work to combat violence and polarisation within Israeli and Palestinian communities. They remain the most determined advocates for peace and diplomacy in the region.

With international offices in London, DC, Paris, Berlin and New York - as well as in Israel-Palestine where we interface with all key embassies - ALLMEP is the prime interlocutor between Israeli-Palestinian civil society and governments around the world, advocating for civil society to be a core component of how diplomacy towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is conducted.

As the collective voice of our member organisations, we channel their ambition toward increased cooperation and political impact, making them more than the sum of their parts.

# **Our Work with UK Parliamentarians**



#### Advise on Diplomacy and

Peacebuilding: We provide cross-party briefings and expert advice on discussing Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding, highlighting civil society's role in navigating current challenges and opportunities, as a core component to ensuring lasting Israeli-Palestinian peace.



## Share Ground-Level Insights: We

connect you directly with those closest to the situation, providing perspectives and insights from our 160+ members and tens of thousands of program alumni transformed by engagement with the other side, and dedicated to a future based on true equality, peace and justice for all.





## **Guide Trauma-Informed Approaches:**

We offer insights on addressing trauma in peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts, sharing observations from our members who work with deeply traumatised communities while managing their own traumas and daily challenges.



**Deliver Critical Data:** We provide the latest polling, peacebuilding data, and expert analyses on ending the conflict and building a shared future, including our members' comprehensive 'day-after' and reconstruction plans, and original research created or commissioned by ALLMEP.





#### Support Effective Advocacy: By

learning directly from the most determined advocates for peace and diplomacy in the region - who themselves understand the difficulties of operating in polarised and traumatised environments we can help you navigate this difficult topic and advise on specific actions the UK can take to be in solidarity with Israelis and Palestinians fighting for peace.



## **Facilitate International Coordination:**

ALLMEP works with all major donor states and international institutions, meeting regularly with governments, embassies and parliamentarians around the world. We can share insights and developments in partner countries, and encourage regular coordination and greater institutionalisation of global actors around the priority of peacebuilding.







# UK Government's Commitments to Israeli-Palestinian Peacebuilding

The UK was the first country to endorse an <u>International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace</u> (IFP) in 2018. The fund draws on lessons from the Good Friday Agreement and aims to provide the robust, long-term funding that the peacebuilding field will need to achieve genuine societal change.

The UK has sustained this backing since, including by <u>Prime Minister Keir Starmer</u>, <u>Foreign Secretary David Lammy</u>, <u>and Chancellor Rachel Reeves</u> – who have pledged their party's support for its creation – as well as former Prime Minister <u>Rishi Sunak</u> and the <u>Liberal Democrat</u> leadership.

Most recently, after UK parliamentarians from <u>across the political spectrum</u> wrote a letter to then PM Rishi Sunak and Lord Cameron urging them to support and institutionalise Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding at the G7 Summit in June 2024, the **UK and fellow G7 members included <u>unprecedented language</u> in their Leaders' Communique, centering civil society in their commitment to lasting Israeli-Palestinian peace.** 

Now a part of official UK and G7 policy, the UK government must fulfil its commitment to supporting civil society peacebuilders in Israel-Palestine. This effort will transform the realities on the ground for both Israelis and Palestinians, while also bringing together polarised UK communities in solidarity with those working towards peace and equality.

## What ALLMEP is calling for:

- 1. Ensure that all impediments on the access of life-saving aid to Gaza are removed, and that addressing the growing humanitarian crisis is considered a top priority for all actors.
- 2. Ceasefire and release of hostages, compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law by all parties.
- 3. Construction of a new type of final status diplomatic process that is both wider- with a multilateral approach engaging all key actors- and deeper- working from the bottom-up and harnessing civil society's potential- than any before it.
- 4. Ensure that the UK and G7 governments continue to enact their policy to "closely coordinate and <u>institutionalize</u>" support for civil society peacebuilding efforts as a critical component of any diplomatic resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

## **How Can You Contribute as Parliamentarians?**

- Invite Voices from the Field: Host Israelis and Palestinians from the ALLMEP network to speak with you in Parliament.
- Promote Their Efforts: Use social media to highlight the impactful work of these peacebuilding initiatives.
- Advocate for Civil Society: Emphasise the significance of civil society peacebuilding in parliamentary debates, letters, and questions directed at the government.
- Hold the Leadership Accountable: In both private and public conversations, hold the UK government
  accountable for their commitments. Ensure they follow through on their <u>promise</u> to "work with our partners
  around the world to help turn [the international fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace] into a concrete reality."

#### **Resources:**

- Securing Sustainable Peace: How the UK can lead on Israeli-Palestinian civil society peacebuilding
- Institutionalising Support For Peacebuilding, As Part Of Restoring A Diplomatic Horizon
- Why it's time for the UK to lead multilateral support for Israeli-Palestinian civil society peacebuilding
- Labour's clear stance on Israel-Palestine: civil society peacebuilding
- Ripeness for the Peacebuilding Field to Scale