**Purpose of the grant** – to support an event commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Israel-Jordan peace agreement. The event will be held on November 13 at the Island of Peace, located at the border between the two countries, and will involve the participation of hundreds of students.

**Background**

Children in Israel are growing up without the ideal of peace or an understanding of the historic success of achieving it. To them, peace is unattainable in this region, and those who pursue it are viewed as naïve. Younger generations in Israel are increasingly drawn to militancy, nationalism, and racism, reflected in the high support for parties that promote conflict, racist political solutions, and international isolation. These tendencies have intensified since October 7, making political solutions unviable electorally. In facing this bleak future, it is essential to broaden the political perspectives of young Israelis and introduce them to an alternative vision grounded on humanistic values and hope. However, the education system and most youth movements fail to seriously address the Israeli-Arab conflict, neglecting to teach about past peace processes or educate towards peace.

**Workplan**

Recently, IDEA launched a unit dedicated to advancing liberal-democratic education within the formal school system. The unit is headed by Ben Lev-Kadesh, an educator and social entrepreneur specializing in political education. Lev-Kadesh is spearheading an initiative to hold a “Peace Day” in schools. This symbolic and well-publicized event will ignite educational dialogue around peace, broaden the network of peace educators, and foster wider public discourse on this issue.

The event is set for November 13, coinciding with the school system’s commemoration of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. It will mark the 30th anniversary of the Israel-Jordan peace agreement. As part of the event, hundreds of students from across the country will gather at the Island of Peace to participate in educational activities. These will include a tour on the theme of “Peace Compromises, Risks, and Gains,” meetings with individuals highlighting the benefits of peace, and an experiential ceremony featuring diplomatic and political figures from both Israel and Jordan.

The initiative is supported by the “Principals for Human Rights” group, which comprises 160 school principals committed to bringing students to the event. Among these are the principals of the Gymnasium in Jerusalem, the Jerusalem High School for the Arts, the Ohel Shem High School in Ramat Gan, the Hoshen Vocational School in Jerusalem, the Givat Brenner School, and the Har Tov School in the Mateh Yehuda regional council. Additionally, the Darkenu movement actively assists in securing funding and considers itself a partner in the event, contributing to its success.

**Budget in NIS**

Activity tent – 50,000

Transportation subsidy – 15,000

Sound system for the ceremony – 10,000

Entrance to the site – 3,000

Transportation for speakers to meetings/ceremony – 3,000

Digital advertising campaign – 1,000

Ice pops and drinks – 1,000

Total – 83,000

\*The event organizer is attempting to raise funds from various budget sources. However, no support has been secured as of yet. If the required amount is not raised, the event will not go ahead, and the grant from NIF will not be disbursed.

**Success metrics**

**Outputs**:

* Participation of at least 200 students from six schools in the event.
* Media coverage of the event in major news outlets.

**Outcomes**:

* The event will be held again next year, with an increased number of participating students and schools.
* The event will foster a broader educational discourse within the school system on the importance of peace.