

UJIA – Our Approach to Partnership

UJIA is the UK Jewish community's leading Israel Engagement organisation. Our vision is *a strong British Jewry with a lifelong commitment to Israel* and our mission is *to develop informed, confident Jews who are inspired by Israel*. We achieve this through activities that help British Jews *learn about, experience* and *give* to Israel. Our activities engage Jews who hold a wide range of political and religious views, and as an organisation we take no position on these matters. As an educational and cross-communal organisation we expect and encourage thoughtful and respectful discussion and disagreement.

We are very proud of the partnerships we form across the community with other educational organisations. We provide funding, educational expertise and in some cases run joint programming. We value the autonomy of our partners, and celebrate the work that they do. We always seek to be in dialogue with them, and welcome constructive feedback. We see the engagement of British Jews with Israel as a shared responsibility, and our work is immeasurably enriched by what we learn from our partners.

UJIA – Our Parameters for Israel Engagement

UJIA wishes to strengthen Israel Engagement within our own activities and within the activities of our partners, fostering and promoting a positive connection to Israel for British Jews. We recognise the diversity of views on Israel within our community, and wish to maintain a broad “tent”, whilst recognising that some forms of engagement with Israel are not acceptable to UJIA.

In this context, UJIA supports organisations/activities:

- whose central purpose is educational – ie to better inform participants about Israel within an environment that promotes critical inquiry and multiple perspectives
- that are committed to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state
- that are committed to the equality of all Israeli citizens
- that encourage participants to continue to engage actively in British Jewry and/or Israel

And UJIA does not support organisations/activities:

- that seek to delegitimise the existence of the State of Israel
- that ignore or minimise the challenge that the State of Israel faces to keep its citizens safe and secure
- that glorify violence or terrorism
- that express racist views or other views that prejudicially target groups or characteristics protected by UK equality law

With regards to individuals who are taking a professional or volunteer leadership role within UJIA-supported partner organisations, we expect the support of partner organisations to ensure individuals consider the impact of their personal views, should they conflict with the above, as expressed in public arenas.

Should UJIA have concerns, we will in the first instance contact the partner organisation for clarification and seek a mutually-agreeable way forward. Such a conversation will be conducted based on trust and respect for the partner organisation. Should there be a disagreement between UJIA and a partner organisation about these parameters or their interpretation, UJIA leadership will engage directly with the leadership of the partner organisation. We will seek a constructive solution, but if this proves impossible, UJIA reserves the right to withdraw support.

We also recognise that our community's engagement with Israel is constantly changing, and as such we are committed to revisiting and if necessary revising these parameters periodically in consultation with our partners.

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