



## **Peace First UK Ambassador Programme Overview**

### **What is Peace First?**

Peace First is a global platform that supports young leaders across the world in their efforts to challenge injustice in their communities.

Peace First empowers young people ages 13-25 to create a just and peaceful world by providing digital tools, community support, start-up funding of \$250, and stories that celebrate their journeys and impact.

### **How does Peace First work?**

Any young person ages 13-25 can visit our digital platform, [PeaceFirst.org](https://PeaceFirst.org), where they can access support to start a project that addresses an injustice in their community with compassion, courage, and collaboration. We offer:

- A guided, self-paced learning journey that supports young people to create and launch a social change project, built on 20+ years of successful school-based work and developed in partnership with the Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Personalised feedback and coaching from a team of experienced mentors, including written feedback and video calls
- Non-competitive mini-grants of up to \$250
- A community of other youth leaders to connect with
- Opportunities to have their work featured publicly through a public project page on [PeaceFirst.org](https://PeaceFirst.org), on Peace First's storytelling channels, and through our partners
- Skills training, community-building, and leadership development opportunities

### **What is the Ambassador programme?**

The Peace First Ambassador programme is a 6-12 month volunteer opportunity that involves young motivated peacemakers from around the world, who will work directly with the designated fellows in their region on expanding, recruiting, supporting and building Peace First's impact in their communities.

The Ambassadors programme aims to harness the power of young people by creating a space for them to take leadership positions within Peace First to increase their skills and knowledge about their regions and the world. We aim to develop visionary youth leaders of both the present and the future who can drive social action against injustice.

Becoming a Peace First Ambassador will give you access to a wide network of global young activists, campaigners and social entrepreneurs who are driving change in their communities,



and the programme will foster your personal development and career enhancement. This programme is an experience for emerging leaders who can support other young people to come up with solutions for the current injustices they are facing in their communities and offer them an opportunity to turn their ideas into action, with continuous support and personalised mentorship from the Fellow-in-Residence team and Peace First global staff.

### **Who can be an Ambassador?**

We are looking for Ambassadors across the UK in different regions. We are hoping to have at least one Ambassador in each region. Those regions being:

- South East
- South West
- Greater London
- East of England
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire
- North West
- North East
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

We expect the Ambassadors to have the following competencies:

- **Be committed to social justice:** You believe in social justice and in changing your community.
- **Embody Peace First's 3 C's:** You live out the values of Courage, Compassion and Collaboration.
- **Have started a Peace Making project:** You have started a Peacemaking project at some stage in your life. At Peace First, we define this as a social action project that identifies and challenges an injustice in your community.
- **Regional Knowledge:** You have knowledge about youth networks and organisations in your respective region.

### **What will you be doing?**

The Ambassador programme will involve a number of specific roles and responsibilities. The Fellows-in-Residence will provide you with extensive training and support to help you complete the following responsibilities:



- **Recruitment:** As an Ambassador, your key role will be to raise awareness about Peace First so young people can gain access to our support! You will guide Peace First recruitment strategies by advising the Fellow-in-Residence on how to best connect with your region. You will build efforts to encourage young people from your region onto our platform to start their own peacemaking projects.
- **Community Management:** You will act as a support for young people for developing their projects. Young people will be able to contact you for guidance on particular challenges they have in creating their projects. You will also lead information sessions that provide further information to young people about the peace first journey.
- **Support Labs:** You will support the Fellow-in-Residence in delivering online workshops (Peace First Labs) for your region. You will assist the fellows in recruiting young people to attend the sessions.
- **Change Peace First:** You will have the opportunity to provide your input and feedback to the Fellows on how we can increase Peace First's impact in the UK and improve our work!

### What skills will you gain?

- **Movement Building:** You will actively participate in building a movement. You will create strategies and methods that will support socially conscious young people to join the Peace First movement.
- **Networking and Partnership Building:** You will learn the methodology behind building effective partnerships. Through the Ambassador programme you will also not only be able to expand your own networks but also to learn how to utilise networking effectively.
- **Coaching and Mentoring:** You will learn what it's like to offer structured guidance and support to young people through acting as a mentor and coach to young people completing projects in your region. You will learn how to offer guidance through facilitating calls and providing effective written feedback.
- **Programme Design:** You will support Peace First in realising new ideas and developing new programmes for young people.

### What support will Peace First provide you?

Besides the learning and experience, Ambassadors will have access to a range of support including:

- **Mentoring and Coaching:** You will have regular contact time with the UK Fellow-in-Residence to talk about personal and professional development. You will also



have access to our office hours programme which gives you access to coaching calls where you can discuss a Peace First staff member's area of expertise with them.

- **Access to a Global Network:** Peace First has a vibrant global community of dedicated Ambassadors! This means you will get to attend regular catch-up calls with our Ambassadors across the world, which will give you the opportunity to learn about different regions and cultures while building connections across an international cohort of socially-engaged young people. You will also be matched with an international peer mentor.
- **Opportunities:** You will receive regular updates about the new opportunities available for members of the Peace First community. Our organisational partners and friends also regularly offer invitations to the Peace First community to participate in a wide range of global events and becoming an Ambassador will give you access to them!
- **References and Recommendation:** As recognition of your efforts and engagement with the programme, Peace First will provide you with a Certificate of Achievement when you complete your term as an Ambassador. You will also be provided with a recommendation letter signed by our director of programmes Fish Stark which you will be able to use in future endeavours.