

## Invitation to join a new project: **Building a Shared Future: Women as Catalysts for Peace and Security**

**Do you believe that women can be catalysts for change?**

**You are invited to join a journey with women from different communities and with different political and ideological opinions, who strive to become catalysts for change and hope, who want to join the multitudes of women talking about peace and security and working towards creating peace and security.**

We are recruiting 500 women from across Israeli society that want to partake in this unique initiative and become catalysts for change among their peers and colleagues.

**The first stage** is a two-day training seminar focused on women's ability to lead change, rooted in United Nations resolution 1325 and the political–security situation in Israel. The training includes workshops on social and traditional media, core principles of conflict resolution, facilitation skills, and various forms of activism for social change.

**The second stage** entails each participant choosing, developing, and carrying out three activities, with guidance from the sponsoring organizations and other experts. The goal is to become a catalyst for change in the public discourse.

The training is free of charge and includes lodging and kosher meals. Transportation will be available from several places across Israel.

Thus far, 350 women have participated and completed the first stage of this program. Many of the participants have begun working on the second stage, developing public and community projects and initiatives.

**Three final seminars will be held in the upcoming months, and we welcome another 150 women to participate, learn, and become catalysts for change!**

**November 24-25<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sat) will be held in Nes Amim, the western Galilee;**

**December 29-30<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sat) will be held in the Zipori Center Jerusalem;**

**January 19-20<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sat) will be held in Beit Berl, Kfar Saba;**

**To participate in the training and for more information please contact:**

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### **Background:**

In 2000 the UN Security Council passed [resolution 1325](#), which emphasized the importance of involving women in decision making in conflict resolution. The resolution was based on research and examples from around the world that demonstrated that the involvement of women increased the likelihood of reaching sustainable agreements. Given the continuation of the Israel-Palestine conflict and the dearth of women in decision making circles, resolution 1325 is very relevant here today.

Through their involvement in various circles, our graduates will join the voices advocating for tangible and widespread changes in the Knesset, government, media, and other realms. We believe that our 500 graduates can, and will, become catalysts for change via their public activism.



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