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WELCOME NOTE

We are proud to see ULYP continue to grow and prosper amid many compounding challenges that impact our students, teachers, staff, and communities as a whole.

Our most recent programme, launched in May 2024, supports students abroad in more than four countries, while our long-standing programmes in Lebanon continue to thrive, expand, and progress. Generally, ULYP has witnessed a significant growth spur, both in terms of capacity, but also regarding quality of support and services related to the education process for students of different ages and with different goals and aspirations.

Currently, we have over 1000 ULYP university graduates residing in 45 countries worldwide, with 240 students enrolled and over 50 doctors practicing.

The support of our donors, partners, and community continues to be the backbone of our work and the reason we are able to reach so many students of different ages and in different places.

ULYP went through an upgrade in terms of its visibility and communications, with a new website underway and better online presence to keep our community up to date about our work.

We look forward to another year of having many success stories to share.

Melek El Nimer – Founder

ULYP's SCOPE OF WORK

The Unite Lebanon Youth Project (ULYP) was established in 2010 and continues working towards its core mission: to propel and encourage a paradigm shift in Lebanon and in the region through education at different levels. Its various projects aim to create different educational opportunities and give equal access to quality educational programmes to children, youth, and women in and from vulnerable communities. Our mission is to empower students and youth with the skills and knowledge they need to become active agents of change and to establish a better future for themselves.

In the aftermath of the previous year, 2025 also posed various challenges locally and regionally, which impacted students and their families. ULYP continuously maintained support to all its students in Lebanon, but also in Egypt, Turkey, and other countries.

The beloved ULYP campus continues to thrive! A safe, inclusive space where children, youth, and women can access quality education and learning opportunities, ULYP was given access to by the Nimer Family in memory of the late Rifaat Nimer. The campus hosts various ULYP activities, including a bright and colorful graduation ceremony for our SHARE students this year which took place in August.

The ULYP team of young women and men dedicated to ensuring accessible education and support to all students, function within different programmes and projects. The approach has always been to remain flexible and adapt to challenges while always prioritizing the wellbeing of the students, who are at the heart of everything we do.



Our students are at the heart of everything we do!





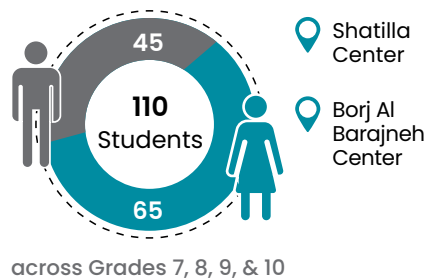
PROGRAMME

The SHARE Programme is dedicated to empowering vulnerable children by fostering creativity, resilience, and a love of learning. It provides a safe and encouraging environment where children can gain confidence, explore new ideas, and develop the skills to overcome different challenges.

In 2025, recognizing the growing educational hurdles faced by Palestinian children, the programme continued its mission by offering weekly English and Life Skills sessions to elementary and middle-school students in and around the Shatila and Burj el Barajneh camps, in collaboration with the Social Support Society. In addition to these sessions, students participated in monthly curricular and co-curricular activities at the ULYP campus in Debbieh and embarked on field trips designed to broaden their horizons.

This coming year, we are excited to introduce a Math component, with dedicated weekly sessions to further enrich the children's learning experience and strengthen foundational skills.

SHARE also actively involves parents in their children's education through awareness sessions, providing practical strategies to create a supportive and positive learning environment at home, thereby extending ULYP's impact beyond the classroom.



These programmes are supported by the Beit Jiddi Foundation, Holland.

PROGRAMME



The Happy Programme continues to be one of ULYP's most valuable interventions, supporting preschool students while also engaging their parents. Taking place all year-round, with eight days allocated to each preschool for six preschools at the ULYP campus in Debbieh, the programme offers transformative academic and skill-based activities that support young children's educational foundation.

Through fun, hands-on activities, the program focuses on building character, developing essential life skills, and discovering the beauty of nature. The children explore, ask questions, play, and learn values like cooperation, confidence, curiosity, and respect for their environment. Seeing their excitement, creativity, and growth reminds us of the importance of early childhood programmes and activities.



They wake up very early to catch the bus, and they have started using English words and teaching them to me.

Zeinab, parent of Tala and Tia



My daughter started school for the first time, and she is very happy. She enjoys writing and is now holding the pencil properly with much more confidence.

Amal, parent of student at Rawdat Nabaa

6 preschools
22 children per school
8 days at
Debbieh campus



Bridge to a better future

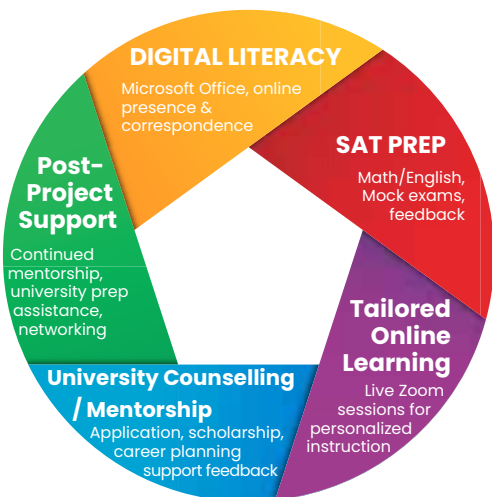
PROGRAMME

This programme and its projects are supported by our generous donors, listed on pages 16/17, and donors who prefer to remain anonymous.

UPC PROJECT

ULYP's University Preparatory Course Project prepares Grade 11 students from marginalized backgrounds, particularly Palestinian refugees, for higher education by providing SAT preparation, digital literacy training, and university application support.

Candidates are selected based on academic potential and financial need. UPC ensures that disadvantaged students gain the skills and resources needed to access and succeed in higher education.



“ This year, six students from **SHARE** joined the **UPC** program with a goal to apply for the **Scholarship program!** ”



Students Annually



Students over the past 5 year



HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Launched in 2023, the High School Program is now in its third successful year, demonstrating growth and impact.

Designed to bridge the gap between UNRWA schools and private institutions, the program provides students with access to higher-quality education, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed for university applications and long-term academic success.

The initiative began as a pilot project to support students transitioning them from UNRWA schools, where overcrowded classrooms and declining quality of education pose significant challenges. Each year, we review a roster of over 2,700 Grade 9 students from the UNRWA Education Programme. Through a rigorous selection process, we identify candidates with academic scores between 73% and 78% - students demonstrating potential and commitment but facing barriers to achieving high performance. We intentionally do not prioritize those scoring above 78%, assuming they have access to private tutoring or independent academic support.

After careful screening, eligible students sit for entrance exams at our partner schools. Our scholarships fully cover tuition, uniforms, transportation, books, and exam fees.

38 current Students Across Lebanon
9 **29**

- 📍 Tripoli Evangelical School (TES)
- 📍 Secondary Evangelical School Zahle (SES)
- 📍 Al Makassed Islamic school Saida (MIS)
- 📍 OBK Al Makassed School Beirut

- 📍 Heritage College (HC) - Beirut
- 📍 New Horizon School Tyre
- 📍 Al Andalus School Barelías
- 📍 Al Ahliya Secondary School - Qeb Elias



TEACHING DIPLOMA PROJECT

The Teaching Diploma project addresses the critical need for qualified teachers in underserved communities, where access to quality education remains a significant challenge. By providing scholarships for teaching diplomas, the initiative empowers aspiring educators, particularly from marginalized backgrounds, to acquire the necessary skills and qualifications.

The project mainly targets Syrian and Palestinian refugee youth, along with students from underserved host communities in different areas across Lebanon

Programme
Enrollment

Monitoring
& Support

Workshops & Seminars that
complement formal education

Post-Graduation
Placement



supported to become teachers at LAU, AUB, BAU, AUST, UoB, and more...

A total of **1,237**
beneficiaries to date

SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

LOCAL

The Scholarship Project is a cornerstone of ULYP's mission to ensure that deserving students from vulnerable backgrounds have access to higher education. The process is designed to provide comprehensive support for students from the application phase through to post-acceptance, towards graduation and beyond graduation, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder academic and professional ambitions.

ULYP Application Submission » Evaluation & Interview » Counselling & Guidance

» University Application » **UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE** » Final Selection

» University Funding & Matching » Continuous Mentorship & support

155

Students currently enrolled
in Lebanese universities

720

Alumni

ABROAD

The Scholarship Project Abroad is dedicated to empowering students by providing them with the opportunity to pursue higher education outside Lebanon. Through comprehensive financial aid and structured support, we ensure that scholarship recipients successfully transition into university life and thrive in their academic and personal journeys. The support also involves visa application assistance and travel arrangements, guidance on securing university housing, academic support (*including course selection and adaptation to new educational systems*), strategies to overcome academic challenges and develop essential soft skills, and ongoing mentorship to foster personal growth.

over **30** partner universities in



CYPRUS



TURKEY



FRANCE



SPAIN



ITALY



and more...

85

Students currently enrolled
in universities abroad

277

Alumni



ALUMNI PROJECT

With nearly 1,000 graduates from the scholarship project to date, ULYP's support extends far beyond funding education. It encompasses career guidance, postgraduate advising, skills development, employment tracking, networking, and sustained alumni engagement, ensuring long-term and sustainable impact.

ULYP empowers its alumni to reach their full potential by connecting them to meaningful academic and professional pathways, including targeted initiatives that enhance employability and provide guidance toward fully funded postgraduate opportunities.

GRADUATES KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Employed



Postgraduate
Studies Degree

63 Medical Graduates
44 Graduates in PhD programmes
Alumni across **45** countries

ULYP PROGRAMMES SUPPORTING THE GRADUATES

- 100** **Graduates** completed the FLY Program (For the Livelihood of Youth), earning diplomas in Data and Analytics and IT and Business from leading universities such as **UMass**, **Caltech**, and **Purdue** through intensive 5–9 month online bootcamps on the Simplilearn platform.
- 49** **Graduates** pursued Specialized Diploma Programmes:
 - 34** Teaching Diploma
 - 10** Doctor of Physical Therapy
 - 5** Dietetics Coordinated Program
- 36** **Graduates** were matched with jobs abroad, such as in the UK through ULYP's partnership with Talent Beyond Boundaries (*TBB*).
- 52** **Students** were supported by ULYP to become Doctors.



EDUCATION RELIEF FUND AT



This programme is supported by the Al Ghurair Education Relief Fund at ULYP and other donors.



In response to the situation in Gaza, through a replicable modality for the long-term, and in order to build a pipeline of health expertise through educational scholarships and living stipends, ULYP launched the Student Emergency Relief Fund.

The Emergency Relief Fund, launched in May 2024, is supporting Palestinian students in Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, North Cyprus, and other countries with full tuition and/or living costs. Most are enrolled in medical school, and others are pursuing STEM, business, or media.

Funding committed ~2,200 students
1,800 students supported to date
1,380 Egypt
420 in Turkey and North Cyprus
25 in other countries

RESTORING CARE

In collaboration with the Ghassan Abou Sittah Children's Fund (GASCF), the AUB Chair of Conflict Medicine, and The Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK), ULYP is implementing the "Restoring Care" project. The initiative aims to support the rebuilding of Gaza's healthcare system by training a new generation of Palestinian clinician-educators who can restore essential services and re-establish medical training. Through this initiative, residency and fellowship pathways are being established across Lebanon, Türkiye, and other countries.

STORIES FROM OUR STUDENTS

“

Hasna Fahmawi, a Grade 10 student, has been part of the SHARE Programme for four years. Although academically strong, she was always too shy to participate in class or present in front of others. Following our recent event, Hasna delivered one of the most impressive presentations of the day, demonstrating remarkable confidence, clear communication, and a well-prepared topic. In the first three months of this academic year, her progress has been consistent. She actively joins almost all activities, often taking the lead, while maintaining the same gentle and positive presence that motivates her peers.

”

*Story from **SHARE** Programme*

“

I'm very proud and grateful to have received the full CMA-CGM Excellence Fund scholarship to pursue my MSc in Economics for Development at the University of Oxford. Studying at Oxford will allow me to deepen my knowledge in development economics, the field I am most passionate about, and strengthen my ability to contribute meaningfully to addressing structural development challenges in our region and beyond. I am excited and motivated to continue learning so that I can help shape more effective and evidence-based economic policies in the future.

I would like to thank ULYP for being the initial supporter in my educational journey and a strong believer in my abilities.

ULYP class 2018–2019 BS in Economics LAU. Rehab completed a Masters in Applied Economics at LAU in 2021 as well.

*In her own words **Rehab Baltaji** (Alumni)*

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 University of Michigan
 Wellspring Learning Community
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 Yeditepe University



LOOKING AHEAD...

Apart from upscaling interventions in Lebanon and the region, ULYP is establishing new partnerships to widen its scope. The Restoring Care project is paving the way for ample opportunities for many medical students whose next steps are limited. The SHARE and HAPPY programmes are always finding new ways to make things more engaging and exciting for students to encourage love of learning. BRIDGE continues to diversify opportunities available for students.

ULYP is also giving more attention its online presence and visibility – there are so many stories and achievements to share. ULYP's new website will be launched in 2026 and we hope it will bring us closer to our supporters and community.

In addition, we plan to host events to further engage with our network and pave the way for new partnerships and opportunities.

Follow our journey!



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