



Educational Support – Information Sheet

Omid International (www.omid.org.uk), a charitable organisation based in the UK, was established in March 2008 with the aim of relieving financial hardship of those living in the developing countries and the UK. Currently we have three projects:

- An educational hostel for up to 50 Dalit (untouchable) children in a rural part of India
- Volunteering, befriending & mentoring service for young people
- Educational support, primarily for unaccompanied asylum seeking **young people in education** in the UK.

Educational support for young people:

We aim to support young asylum seekers & refugees to complete their education e.g. by providing grants & loans, supplementary allowance or educational resources. This usually covers ages 17 – 24 year olds. Due to our limited resources, we can only offer small grants to support basic higher education up to & including first university degrees. With the recent changes in tuition fees, we are unable to meet the full cost of university fees. We are also unable to support young people who have exhausted their appeals and are unlikely to remain in the UK to complete their education.

We are also developing a befriending / mentoring scheme run by volunteers to help young people:

- Instil confidence
- Receive peer support
- Participate in social / recreational activities to enhance their emotional wellbeing
- Improve their scholastic skills
- Have opportunities to learn about the host culture
- Receive individual counselling & mental health support.

Referral:

Requests for support are accepted from young people in education or referral agencies on behalf of the applicant. The referral form can be downloaded from the website or sent out on request. It should be completed with the young person involved. We will contact the young person &/or the referrer to seek further clarification or ask for relevant documentation. The referral is then considered by the trustees and the young person & referrer are contacted regarding the outcome. Generally it takes up to four weeks for a referral to be processed.

Please return the completed form to: info@omid.org.uk

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