

## **AMNQALAAB**

*A project of Shoor Foundation for Education and Awareness*

### **Peace Camp Report – Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar**

Continued with our aim to reach out to the young students and build chapters in universities, AmnQalaab team from Shoor Foundation of Education and Awareness (SFEA) travelled to Peshawar to conduct a one day peace camp at Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar. Peace camps are training sessions on peace-building and countering extremism strategies. More than 80 students participated in the workshop.

Afifa Javed – project manager AmnQalaab introduced the students to the campaign and its mission and vision and how it is working towards bringing peace and tolerance in our society. Also, explained the students about how they can become a part of it.

First session of the workshop was carried out by Syed Ali Hameed – executive director of SFEA and a peace expert, who conducted a 2-hour training session on peace building and countering violent extremism. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitize the students about the importance of peace education and how they can play their part in social peace development. Different case studies and personal experiences were shared, along with many interactive activities.

Second session of the workshop included two local leaders from Peshawar named Mr. Shahab Durrani and Shafeeq Giyani. Shahab is a youth activist, and the founder of Peshawar Youth Organization. Whereas, Shafeeq Giyani is the founder of Poha Foundation. An organization formed for the diffusion of knowledge and social reforms in Pakhtun society. Both the speakers talked about their journey of peace and challenges they had to face while working for the welfare of the society. They also discussed about alternative ways of bringing social change and peace in their communities.

Later, the deputy director - Iftikhar Ul Amin, while in conversation with SFEA team, endorsed the idea of AmnQalaab and agreed to have a permanent peace corner within the campus where students would come on regular basis to have discussions and dialogue sessions and plannings about future collaborative activities. Faculty members including Ms. Mahvesh Ali, Mr. Hassan Mustafa and Shahzad Hanif also talked about the importance of peace and what role academia should play in stabilizing national peace. They further talked about their newly structured peace society and how it is working in training their students. They also nominated two of their students as campus ambassadors for AmnQalaab who will act as agents of peace and help SFEA team in coordinating all the future activities.

The session was concluded by Afifa Javed and Syed Ali Hameed who thanked the administration for tremendously hosting this peace camp. In the end, peace souvenirs were



-presented to the guests by Hasan Mustafa and Syed Ali Hameed and the day closed with a group photo.

Shaor Foundation is looking forward to conduct more of such session with the mutual collaboration of IMSciences, Peshawar and their newly structured peace society. Let's work together today and make our tomorrow better.