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## Sheffield Palestine Women's Scholarship Fund

'The scholarship changed my life'



'My dream of education'



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## The power of education

Dalia Abu Shammalla always dreamed of becoming a pharmacist. But as her school days finished she wondered how she would ever turn her dream into a reality. 'I knew that tuition fees in Gaza were very high and I was frightened I wouldn't be able to go to university.'



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It was then that Dalia found out about the Sheffield Palestine Women's Scholarship Fund. She was put forward for a scholarship and to her great relief one was awarded to her. 'The Sheffield scholarship is one of the most important and best things that has happened in my life,' she told us. Dalia is now studying pharmacy at Al-Azhar University. She is determined to do well, despite the difficulties that she and her extended family have experienced, and she has strong ambitions.

*'I always do my best in my studies. I believe that education is the best way to change my life for the better and not only that – it will improve things for my family.'*



During her time at university Dalia has sought out extra training in computer skills, personal development and English. 'I'm always thinking about my life after graduation. I'm frightened that I won't be able to find a job, so I've done training courses in various fields and I've developed a lot of skills. I'm certain that knowing English will help me to complete postgraduate studies and build a career.'

## What is the Sheffield Palestine Women's Scholarship Fund?

The aim of the Fund, which is a registered charity, is to support women in Palestine to reach their potential and ultimately to take up leadership positions within Palestine. We focus on women students because as a result of the poverty and unemployment in Palestine, as well as the cost of higher education, many families concentrate what resources they have on their sons.

SPWSF scholarships enable our students to attend Palestinian universities; we focus our work on the Gaza Strip. Here a university education can help diminish the suffocation and isolation that people feel, opening a window onto the outside world.

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