

# 2024 OMEP UK Student Travel Awards for the 76th OMEP World Assembly and Conference

**Application submission date extended until 22nd April 2024**

## “Right from the Start for ECCE: Step Beyond All Together” Bangkok, Thailand: July 15–19, 2024

The OMEP UK National Committee is offering part sponsorship for **two** students to attend the 76th OMEP World Congress in Bangkok, Thailand on 15th-19th July 2024. (Please go to the OMEP UK website and click on ‘OMEP 2024 Grants and Awards’ for more details:

<http://www.omep.org.uk/omep-2024-grants-and-awards/>)

Conference website: <https://www.omepworld2024.com>

The OMEP UK National Committee will provide a sum of up to **£1,000 each for two students** to attend the conference in part payment of flights, hotel and conference fees only. This must be supported by receipts for travel, hotel and conference fees using economy travel only and recognised conference accommodation.

**Candidates who wish to be considered for selection by OMEP Committee UK must submit a presentation in either written or video form which explains:**

- *Why you would like to attend the World Conference for OMEP UK in Thailand?*
- *How and why will you add value to the experience of OMEP UK Committee members and members from other countries at the conference?*
- *How this experience will inform your work with children?*
- *How this experience will contribute to your personal development?*
- *How will you disseminate this information to other students?*

**In order to apply for this opportunity, the following terms and conditions apply.**

(a) All students must be current members of OMEP to be eligible for financial support.

**(Information on how to join:** <http://www.omepuk.org.uk>)

(b) In return, students will contribute under the direction of the OMEP UK President and Committee members at the conference. This may include:-

- *attending lectures, presentations and seminars and taking notes for dissemination*
- *providing secretarial support to the Committee members*
- *reporting back to the Committee*
- *attending social events and trips and visits*
- *liaising with Committee members from other countries*
- *writing a short article for the OMEP Newsletter*
- *writing a short article for OMEP updates*

- (c) **Submission EXTENDED Deadline:** Presentations in either format must be submitted to the OMEP UK National Executive Committee at [ukomep@gmail.com](mailto:ukomep@gmail.com) no later than **5pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.**
- (d) The decision of the OMEP selection committee is final.
- (e) Participants must provide their own travel insurance and are responsible for all bookings made. Food is provided as part of the conference fee during the day and on some evenings.



*The world is currently confronted with a greater number of challenges arising from the escalating severity and frequency of conflicts, emergencies, and unprecedented crises. Notably, the impacts of events like COVID-19 pandemic and climate change are significantly affecting the resilience of communities and families, the well-being of young children, the accessibility and quality of early childhood care and education, and the opportunities for enrolment in early childhood programs. It is evident that these factors are severely impeding the nurturing care and fundamental learning experiences crucial for young children.*

For more than seven decades since its founding in 1948, World OMEP, as an international non-governmental and non-profit organization joined now by more than 70 countries in five regions of the world, has been advocating and promoting early childhood care and education (ECCE). OMEP has a vision of ECCE as right and tool to attain integral development, citizenship, well-being, and dignity for all girls and boys. Its involvement in shaping key international and regional initiatives within the early childhood field is notable. For instance, OMEP delegates actively contributed to the working group responsible for formulating the Global Partnership Strategy for Early Childhood (2021). Participation was also extended to significant events like the 2nd Asia- Pacific Regional Education Minister's Conference (APREMC II) in 2022 and as Programme Committee of the World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education (WCECCE) in the same year.

OMEP Annual World Assembly and Conference has become an important mechanism of communication and mission campaigns to create cooperation among members, partners and stakeholders that place ECCE high with similar goals to promote children's rights in education, disseminate new knowledge from research, debates and share important ideas and issues in this field. Accordingly, this mechanism has been used by our organization as power to pave the way for mutual agreement and reaffirm the commitment to safeguard children's right and to the goal of quality and sustainable early childhood care and education in line with the SDG 4.2 and the Tashkent Declaration and Commitments to Action.

**The specific objectives of the Conference are to:**

- *Share, discuss and analyse the current situations of care and education for children 0-8 years from different regions of the world.*
- *Exchange knowledge on key features of good practices, innovations, and research results to effect changes in attitudes and policies of stakeholders on enhancing quality ECCE.*
- *Strengthen the commitment on the right for every child to quality ECCE which lays the foundation for lifelong learning and connects to other human rights.*
- *Reach mutual understanding and agreement to declare strategies for overcoming the obstacles and problems in ECCE and to support the right of all children for quality care and education.*
- *Scale up the determination for success toward reaching the goal of SDG4.2 in sustainable development.*