

Coalition of Academics Nominate the Arava Institute for 2024 Nobel Peace Prize

Boston, MA – A coalition of academics nominated the Arava Institute for the Nobel Peace Prize citing their groundbreaking work in the fields of dialogue and diplomacy, climate engagement, education, and research.

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, based in Israel, promotes cross-border environmental peacebuilding and climate justice initiatives. The organization's work enhances Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, fosters regional cooperation and community building, and implements climate resiliency programming. Among the academics nominating the Arava Institute are Dr. Merle Lefkoff and Professors Gabriel Eckstein, Susan Sgorbati, and Lori Lefkovitz.

According to the statutes of the Nobel Foundation, a nomination may be submitted by qualified nominators, which includes university professors of history, social sciences, law, philosophy, theology, and religion, as well as directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes.

We believe the Arava Institute is unparalleled in its ability to promote dialogue and diplomacy through innovative peacebuilding and environmental forums convened in a setting defined by shared trust, compassionate listening, and open dialogue.

We feel it is noteworthy and worth underscoring that the Arava Institute's Executive Director is Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed, a Palestinian Israeli from East Jerusalem. The powerful perspective that he offers to faculty and students alike resonates especially deeply today.

We feel honored and privileged to join esteemed colleagues in nominating the Center for Emergent Diplomacy's partner in peace, the Arava Institute, and believe deeply that this organization represents the very best of humanity and is worthy of consideration for the Nobel Peace Prize.