

Motion A amended

Palestine and trade unions motion (for ICL UCU members meeting 14/06/24)

This branch notes:

1. Israel is continuing with its onslaught against Palestinians—despite the ICJ court ruling that “at least some of the acts...committed by Israel in Gaza appear to be capable of falling within the provisions of the Genocide Convention”.
2. The global movement in support of the Palestinians has led to an unprecedented wave of protests, including student encampments from the US to the UK
3. The US and British governments are complicit in Israel’s war crimes, as is Imperial College via its ties to arms companies such as Rolls Royce and BAe Systems.
4. UK UCU’s continuing support for the Palestinians, as expressed in motions passed by overwhelming majorities at the recent annual Congress.

This branch believes that:

1. Threats, intimidation and prosecutions directed against the Palestine protest movement make it imperative that trade unions mobilise against Israel’s genocide, its enablers in Downing Street and the threat of wider war in the region.
2. Trade unions have an important role to play in building the protests called by Stop The War Coalition (STWC), the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) and others, in building workplace groups that are prepared to take action for Palestine.

This branch resolves to:

1. Support marches, protests, workplace days of action and other events called by STWC and PSC by actively publicising them among our members.
2. Demand that Imperial College management disclose all investments in and links with companies which trade with Israel and to divest in all such companies.

3. Call on Imperial College management to set up at least five new scholarships for Palestinian students, in recognition of the systematic destruction of their schools and universities by the Israeli Defence Force.
4. Support and publicise the student encampments at Imperial College in support of Palestine and 37 other UK universities.
5. Support protests and actions called by the staff-student group ICL Action for Palestine by actively publicising them among our members.
6. Support and promote the petition entitled “Cut Ties with Israel at Imperial College London – divest from genocide” prepared by students in support of the encampment.

Motion CARRIED at a quorate all members’ meeting on 14/6/24