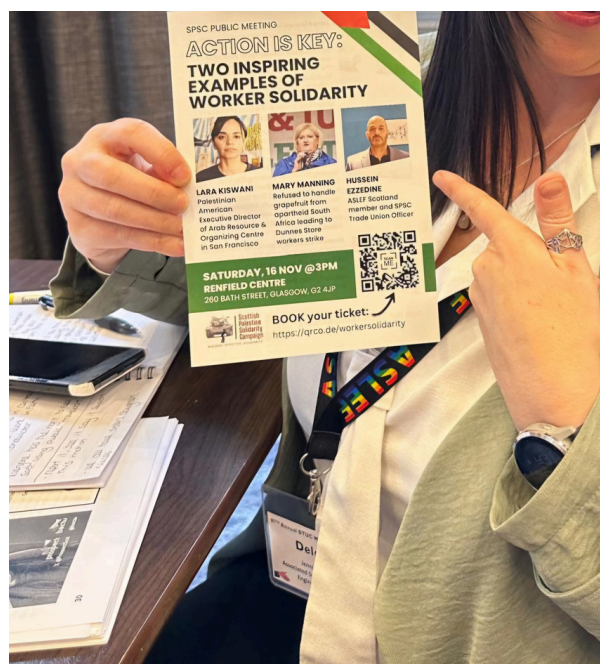


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The latest equalities focused STUC Conference took place in Glasgow in late October. Women trade unionists from across Scotland coming together for two days of discussion and debate at the STUC Women's Conference.



As delegates gathered under this year's theme of "Succession and Solidarity" the Solidarity of Scottish women workers with their counterparts in Palestine has never been more urgently required.

We were grateful to the STUC who provided every delegate with our leaflet "*The Palestinian Struggle - A Feminist Workers Issue*", along with a flyer promoting the public meeting aimed at Trade Union members that we are hosting in Glasgow on Saturday 16 November.

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The Educational Institute of Scotland moved an emergency item expressing Solidarity with Palestinian and Lebanese Women, unequivocally condemning the recurring Israeli air strikes on Beirut and the invasion of Southern Lebanon, noting with grave concern the devastating impact - particularly on the lives and life chances of women and girls.



The STUC Women's Committee were called on to continue showing their solidarity with women in Palestine and to express the same solidarity with the women of Lebanon. Actions included writing to the Prime Minister calling for an end to all UK arms sales to Israel, and writing to trade unions in Palestine and Lebanon expressing solidarity, particularly with women members.

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The support and active solidarity of Trade Unionists is essential to take effective action to support the Palestinian struggle. We recognise the support of the STUC as another positive development towards mobilising Scottish workers. Building and strengthening this relationship is one of the key pillars of our Trade Union strategy.

By passing this motion the Women's Conference, as with the Black Workers' Conference in September has made a statement on answering the call from our comrades in occupied Palestine. A first step towards effective action.



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At the STUC Congress earlier this year it was agreed that a special conference would be held to further develop the Scottish Trade Union position; and to agree a refreshed BDS strategy. The date for this conference is Friday 15th November. Affiliated unions have now been invited to nominate delegates.

This is not a policy making conference, but seeks to identify practical actions for unions and union members to undertake, exerting political, economic and cultural pressure on the Israeli Government and its allies to effect a ceasefire and adhere to international law. Following the conference, the STUC will publish an action pack and updated BDS resource.

SPSC welcomes this conference which must deliver on its promises, and lead to more effective campaigning.

With several years' experience of BDS campaigning, we have a wealth of experience in this area and have offered our assistance; a constructive pre-conference meeting has taken place with the STUC Deputy General Secretary.

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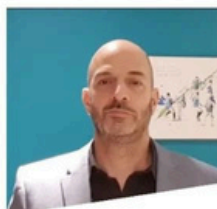
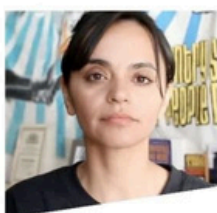
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The following day, Saturday 16 November sees the eagerly awaited public meeting at the Renfield Centre in Glasgow, where Mary Manning and Lara Kiswani are the keynote speakers. To avoid disappointment please book your FREE ticket in advance.

SPSC PUBLIC MEETING

## ACTION IS KEY: TWO INSPIRING EXAMPLES OF WORKER SOLIDARITY



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<https://qrco.de/workersolidarity>



**SATURDAY, 16 NOV @3PM**  
**RENFIELD CENTRE** 260 BATH STREET, GLASGOW, G2 4JP

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Next up in a busy month is the final STUC Conference of the year; the Disabled Workers Conference taking place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November in Clydebank.

The STUC Disabled Workers' Committee leads on campaigns and policy for disabled trade union members in Scotland.

SPSC will again have a presence at this conference, delegates are invited to visit our stall on Saturday 23 November.

When UN experts including the special rapporteur on the rights of persons with disability have described the plight of the disabled in Palestine as a “*Tragedy within a tragedy*”. The unimaginable conditions faced by those with disabilities trapped in Gaza enduring extreme trauma & psychological harm will I’m sure be on the minds of delegates.



<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/10/tragedy-within-tragedy-un-experts-alarmed-harrowing-conditions-palestinians>

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## Key Campaigns



## CALL TO ACTION

### BECOME AN APARTHEID FREE ZONE

Calling all trade unions, community groups, shops, restaurants, businesses, etc please visit the site & sign up to become an Apartheid Free Zone (AFZ)!



### SUPPORT BADIL

SPSC is proud to partner with BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights. Their "Uphold Rights and Resist Suppression" online fundraising campaign is being facilitated by the use of our account and payment processing.



### DON'T BUY INTO GENOCIDE

Demand supermarkets immediately remove all Israeli produce from their shelves. Write to the CEOs. Nobody should profit from apartheid and genocide!



### DON'T BANK ON APARTHEID

A consistent & continued champion of Zionist apartheid, despite any recent divestment from Elbit, Barclays Bank facilitates and profits from Israel's occupation and genocide. Write to the CEO!

