

64 Defend Palestine Solidarity & the Right to Protest

London regional committee

Congress notes:

1. University of Cambridge's application for a 5-year injunction restricting Palestine-related activities near administration buildings; the granting of a similar 1-year order at the request of University of London in November 2024.
2. Over 100 staff and students nationally face disciplinary action for pro-Palestine activism.
3. On 18 January, police imposed arbitrary restrictions on a peaceful Palestine solidarity rally in Whitehall, leading to 77 arrests and the prosecution of protest organisers.

Congress believes:

- a. Crackdowns on Palestine solidarity activism—through police repression, legal injunctions, and university disciplinary measures—are part of a wider attack on free expression.
- b. Universities and trade unions must resist this suppression.

Congress resolves:

- i. To condemn legal injunctions and other measures stifling Palestine activism, and to actively resist the crackdown by building a national public campaign with campus unions and relevant stakeholders.
- ii. To donate £1000 to Palestine Solidarity Campaign's legal fund.

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University of Cambridge

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Congress believes:

Crackdowns on Palestine solidarity activism—through police repression, legal injunctions, and university disciplinary measures—are part of a wider attack on free expression. Universities and trade unions must resist this suppression.

Congress resolves:

To call on the NEC to work with the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, European Legal Support Centre, Liberty and other campus unions to build a national campaign opposing this crackdown, including providing political support and training for branches faced with such measures.

77 Campus Voices for Palestine Solidarity

Liverpool John Moores University, University of Leeds

UCU Congress notes:

1. The successful second Campus Voice for Palestine speaking tour that took place in November 2024 with Sundos Hammad (Birzeit University and Right to Education Campaign).
2. The tour organised by the British Committee for Universities in Palestine (BRICUP), University and College Workers for Palestine in conjunction with the Emergency Committee for Universities in Gaza, the Right to Education Campaign and financially underpinned by UCU. The organisers also collaborated effectively with PSC, Scholars for Palestine and other explicitly pro-Palestinian groups.

Congress resolves to:

- a. Authorise up to £3k financial support underwriting a third Campus Voices for Palestine tour in 2025-26 academic year.
- b. Continue to work with these organisations, BRICUP and UCW4P, to organise the tour.
- c. Support and publicise the work of the Emergency Committee for Universities in Gaza and the Right to Education Campaign within UCU.

78 Solidarity with the Palestinian People! End the Genocide!

University of Warwick

Congress notes:

1. President Trump's proposed plan, endorsed by the Israeli Government, aims to ethnically cleanse Palestinians from the Gaza Strip.
2. The Israeli Government is blocking essential supplies, leaving Palestinians on the brink of survival, with the most vulnerable dying from preventable conditions.
3. Since October 2023, Israeli military operations and settler violence in the West Bank have displaced Palestinians and destroyed civilian infrastructure.

Congress believes:

- a. Palestinians face continuing forced displacement, either through military violence or attrition.

- b. The Israeli Government is emboldened by support from Western governments, including the UK, and continuing impunity.

Congress resolves:

- i. To urge the UK government to publicly commit to respecting the ICC arrest warrants and to impose an arms embargo on Israel until it ends its illegal occupation and annexation of Palestinian territory.
- ii. To campaign for UK universities to sever ties with companies and institutions complicit in plausible violations of Palestinian rights, including apartheid, occupation, war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.