

Motion Carried at STUC Black Workers Conference Sept 2024

Motion 2 - Gaza Genocide

That this Conference notes that amid the ongoing genocide in Gaza there is a call from Palestinian Trade Unions, urging us to take action and to step up our solidarity.

Conference recognises the latest horrors as the continuation of decades of crimes, including belligerent occupation, settler colonialism and apartheid. Actions enabled, facilitated and given cover by parts of the international community and even some of our politicians.

The best means of opposition remains the boycott, divestment, sanctions (BDS) campaign, the Palestinian led movement for freedom, justice and equality. BDS is now effectively challenging international support for Israel, whilst Apartheid Free Zones allow those who have pledged support for BDS to make a public declaration, an important statement that will help transform our local communities into spaces of solidarity with the Palestinian struggle.

Conference therefore calls on the STUC Black Workers' Committee to:

- write to the Israeli Ambassador calling for an end to the genocide of the Palestinian people;
- write to the Scottish First Minister and UK Prime Minister calling for an end to UK and Scottish Government complicity in Israeli war crimes and crimes against humanity, including an end to all arms sales.

Further, the STUC Black Workers' Committee to work with the STUC General Council and affiliates to resolve to take practical actions to show solidarity, including:

- pledging to step up the BDS campaign and encouraging support for the Apartheid Free Zones initiative;
- taking steps to ensure that we are not complicit in supporting and sustaining Israeli oppression, including by campaigning to divest any Trade Union funds (inclusive of pension investments) from companies complicit in Israel's occupation and human rights violations;
- supporting workers who refuse to build, handle and transport weapons destined for Israel; and
- encourage affiliated unions, branches and individuals to support the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign
- Showing solidarity with workers who are being prevented by their employer from fundraising in the workplace for humanitarian charities such as Medical Aid for Palestinians.