

# ROSE BANK

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**AND GENOCIDE**

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The Rosebank oil field is the UK's biggest undeveloped oil project. If approved, it would produce more CO<sub>2</sub> than the 28 poorest countries in the world do in a year. **Rosebank would bust the UK's climate goals** and is not compatible with a safe climate. But the problem doesn't stop there.

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**Rosebank could send over £200 million in profits to one of Israel's biggest oil companies.**

Rosebank's co-owner, Ithaca Energy, is majority-owned by the Delek Group. Delek profits from illegal settlements in the West Bank, and its subsidiary, Delek Israel, **supplies fuel to the Israeli military** (IDF), with military personnel able to refuel at hundreds of its petrol stations. In 2023, **Delek Group was included by the United Nations in a list of businesses** connected to human rights abuses and violations in Occupied Palestine.

Profits made from exploiting the North Sea must not financially benefit a company with links to genocide. The Scottish PSC has officially served the government with new legal advice that approving Rosebank could put the UK in direct breach of international law.

Former Scotland First Minister Humza Yousaf commented: "Keir Starmer needs to recognise the strength of feeling in Scotland by standing up for international law, and the right of Palestinian people not to have their land stolen from them, and say no to Rosebank funding occupation."

The current crisis in West Asia is a startling wake-up call that continuing to rely on fossil fuels leaves us vulnerable to the whims of volatile leaders. In fact, the Climate Change Committee reports that fossil fuel energy shocks have caused **half of the UK's recessions** since the 1970s.

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After decades of drilling, we are now extracting the North Sea's last drops – this is a geological fact. It will not bring energy security, lower bills or stem the decline of jobs in the North Sea workforce.

Despite new field approvals, jobs supported by the industry have more than halved – a loss of nearly 450 jobs a week over ten years – worsening conditions, and rising poverty levels in Aberdeen. We should be investing in renewable energy and manufacturing, supporting workers into secure, long-term jobs that can serve social needs.

We have an abundance of renewable energy, especially wind, in Scotland. This is how we build a resilient system that doesn't hand control to greedy oil companies or volatile leaders, but keeps the lights on with reliable power made right here in Scotland.

Seven national unions – BFAWU, PCS, UCU, NEU, Equity, UNISON, and IWGB – have officially backed an open letter against Rosebank. If you are a trade union member, we are calling on you to [sign our open letter](#) today.

If you have any avenues of getting more official backing, please get in touch at [climatetradeunion@gmail.com](mailto:climatetradeunion@gmail.com).

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# **SPSC GAINS NEW AFFILIATES AND EXPANDS PARTNERSHIPS**



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We are pleased to report that Scottish PSC has welcomed two new affiliates: one trade union branch and one trades council. Unison Western Isles Health Branch and Midlothian Trade Union Council have officially joined. Additionally, three more branches are in process of affiliating and will be announced next month. These are positive steps that strengthen our network.

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We acknowledge that recent banking issues have caused some difficulties, as many organisations prefer bank transfers over card payments. While our main bank account remains out of reach, we are pleased to announce that we can now accept BACS payments for your convenience.

**Just get in touch for details! Affiliation still costs only £25 per year, even for the largest organisations.**

Significant progress has been made in building relationships with trade union branches, trades councils and other organisations. Beyond the affiliations, we have received sponsorship for our upcoming Scottish Workers Day School for Palestine and Erik Helgeson tour events, which is greatly appreciated.

The SPSC TU Network aims to build on this progress and encourage more organisations to take similar steps. Collaboration with partners is essential.

In this spirit, we are pleased to help promote **Midlothian Trade Union Council's International Workers Memorial Day Commemoration**, taking place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at the George V Park, in Bonnyrigg. The commemorative address will be given by Charlie Allanson-Oddy of Health Workers for Palestine.

Members and supporters are encouraged to attend and to remember all those who have lost their lives at work, including the murdered workers of Palestine.

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International  
Workers Memorial Day.  
Commemoration.  
**Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>. 2026. 12.30.**  
**George V Park**  
**Bonnyrigg.**

Commemorative Address by  
**Charlie Allanson-Oddy**  
Clinical psychologist  
**Health Workers for Palestine**

Piper: Sam Fleming  
Chairperson: Rab Paterson  
*Sec. Midlothian Trade Union Council*  
**Mourn the Dead - Fight for the Living**

Organised by Midlothian Trade Union Council with  
support of Midlothian Council  
**All Welcome**



End the Genocide  
End the Occupation  
Freedom for Palestinians

**Solidarity is at the core of our movement —  
Palestinian liberation is a critical step towards  
our collective liberation!**

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## UNIONS RESPOND TO AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAN — BUT WHERE IS THE ACTION?



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The Scottish and British trade union movement has responded to the US and Israeli aggression against Iran. Unions have condemned the military escalation, called for diplomatic solutions, and warned that the UK government risks being drawn into an illegal war. These statements are far from perfect, but they are nonetheless welcome.

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The Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) has explicitly condemned the war on Iran and opposed the use of British bases by the US to launch attacks. However, its statement also commends the Prime Minister for asserting that regime change cannot be achieved through bombing.

This is the Prime Minister who attempts to draw a ludicrous distinction between offensive and defensive operations, claiming that the UK is not participating in attacks while allowing US forces to use British bases for so-called “defensive” purposes. This is a misleading and contemptuous framing.

As with the UK’s military’s involvement in Gaza, providing infrastructure and operational support for military action constitutes complicity, if not direct participation, in a crime of aggression.

The Trades Union Congress (TUC), representing unions in England and Wales, goes further in muddying the waters by introducing a false equivalence; condemning not only the actions of the US and Israel, but also those of Iran.

Meanwhile, simultaneous Israeli attacks on Lebanon which have killed and injured thousands are notably absent from official condemnations. To put this in perspective: Scotland is roughly seven or eight times larger than Lebanon, yet both have similar populations. In Lebanon, around one in five people, over a million have been displaced.

A separate statement, signed by 18 general secretaries and senior trade unionists, opposes attacks on civilians and all unlawful wars, correctly warning that regional instability and surging oil prices “will hurt working people everywhere.”

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Yet, despite having identified both the crime and its costs, statements like those from the Scottish TUC and the TUC fail to call for meaningful action.

Trade union members can still add their signatures, and they should be encouraged to do so — but “strongly condemning,” “opposing,” and “calling upon” are just words without action.

**As trade unionists, we learn early on that words alone never materially change the outcome unless they are tied to leverage**

### STUC Statement:

<https://www.stuc.org.uk/news/news/stuc-statement-iran-and-conflict-in-the-middle-east/>

### TUC Statement:

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/news/tuc-general-council-interim-statement-iran>

### Sign the Trade Union Statement:

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/trade-unions-against-war-in-iran?nowrapper=true&referrer=&source=twitter>

### SPSC: US-Israel Forever Wars

<https://www.scottishpsc.org.uk/us-israel-forever-wars/>

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# SCOTTISH WORKERS

**DAY SCHOOL FOR PALESTINE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 11  
AUGUSTINE CHURCH EDINBURGH**



Over two years into the genocide, workers across Scotland remain committed to taking action for Palestine, but are unsure how to do so – and that's ok! On April 11th, join us for a day-long workshop and let's find out together what workers and unions can do to go from policy statements to workplace action and tangible wins for Palestine.

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## DAY SCHOOL FOR PALESTINE

The #DAYSCHOOL is for workers and activists who want to:

- Develop skills and knowledge to support rank-and-file organising and workplace campaigns;
- Learn from experienced organisers in different sectors in Scotland and from organisers of successful worker-led actions on Palestine in different countries;
- Create a forum to share experiences and connect workers from across Scotland who are committed to grassroots workplace organising on Palestine.

No pre-existing experience in labour organising is necessary but having a workplace or campaign where you can put what you are learning into action will help!

Please share this invite with those in your union, workplace, and networks who you think should be there on the day.

The Workers Day School for Palestine is hosted by Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign and partners.

**SIGN UP**

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## POEM: A COMRADE OF MINE BY GRAEME BRADLEY

### A Comrade of Mine

If you tremble with indignation  
At the subjugation  
Of a nation  
Suffering mass incarceration  
Who face extermination  
By a colonial state  
Spreading hate  
While trying to hide  
Their genocide  
Through the dehumanisation  
Of a population  
Seeking liberation,  
And so you rise.

If you're drowning in frustration  
At the news on every station  
And the perpetuation  
Of the fabrication  
That you disprove with your two eyes  
While they colonise  
And demonise  
And try to legalise  
Their genocide  
And you despise  
Each of their lies,  
And so you rise.

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“If you tremble with indignation at every  
injustice, then you are a comrade of mine.”  
– Che Guevara

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Poem by Graeme Bradley

Artwork by David Swift

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