

Calling All Young People: Support Palestine!

People in Sheffield are showing that they stand with Palestinians. Week after week, more and more people show support for Palestine in so many ways: families with tiny children, retired people, medical staff, university students, community groups, people from all faith backgrounds, councillors – people from all across Sheffield.



Are you 11-18? Young people are our hope for the future.

Schools are places of learning: they exist to encourage you to develop your thinking, to learn a craft, skills, and form ways of thinking that hopefully enable you to thrive as an adult.

Schools also have a duty of care for your wellbeing and to help you grow into an active citizen, which includes addressing the major issues of the day. Schools should try to look at major conflicts fairly and enable students to form their own rational opinions. **The Government has made this very difficult for some schools.** In some schools, the same supportive actions taken for Ukraine have not been undertaken in support of Palestinians.

Prime Minister Sunak said to Israel's Prime Minister, *"We hope you win"*. **The education Secretary Gillian Keegan made this message clear to all schools:**

She wrote: "Following the barbaric terrorist attacks in Israel, we are writing to provide advice for schools and colleges. The UK unequivocally condemns these terrorist attacks and stands in solidarity with Israel in its hour of need."

But there are strong voices supporting Palestinians. The South African government has now placed a very detailed case before the International Court of Justice, charging Israel with Genocide, which means the deliberate attempt to wipe out a people. This is one of the most serious charges a state can face.

We know that 23,000 people in Gaza have been killed so far, including thousands of children. 7,000 are "missing," probably also dead. Nowhere is safe in Gaza. Schools, hospitals, bakeries, churches and masjids have been bombed. We all must speak out against this injustice.



Young people of Sheffield: please join the next rally for Palestine!

January 20th at noon, City Hall.

After the rally, come to a meeting for school students in the Central United Reform Church 1.45 pm (across from the Crucible Theatre)

Talk with other school students about ways of supporting Palestinians, inside and outside school. Refreshments will be provided – all welcome. (Interested parents are welcome too!)

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