Youth and Students Campaigns Officer

Full time, Permanent

Reports to: Deputy Director – Organising

Salary: £40,819 to £46,332

Location: London, with hybrid working

Palestine Solidarity Campaign is looking for a talented and enthusiastic Campaigns Officer, to join our dynamic team.

This role offers the opportunity to spearhead PSC's work supporting students and staff in campaigning for Palestinian rights at universities, including helping them take forward strategic BDS campaigns to pressure universities to end their complicity in Israel's settler colonialism, apartheid and genocide. Working with students and with university staff and trade unions you will work to challenge Israel's systematic targeting and repression of Palestinian universities.

We are looking for someone who can encourage young people to become actively involved in PSC's wider campaigning and grow our existing networks of young activists. Alongside colleagues, you will play a leading role in PSC actions and BDS campaigns that are especially relevant to young people, such as protests at arms factories, getting corporations complicit in apartheid off campus, and campaigns in conjunction with the climate justice movement, amongst others.

The role requires a collaborative approach, problem solving skills, and a commitment to contributing to the wider work of PSC's team.

We welcome applications from everyone and particularly encourage applications from under-represented groups, especially women, disabled, LGBTQ+ and global majority candidates, to help us achieve a balanced representation in our workforce.

Job Description

The campaigner will:

- Work to create and maintain networks with student Palestine societies and other groups campaigning on campus for the rights of Palestinians, including via organising and facilitating of events, both online and in person.
- Create high-quality resources and materials to support campaigns run by students on campus, especially divestment campaigns.

- Develop ways to platform Palestinian students and academics and work with others – including university staff and trade unions – to challenge Israel's scholasticide and repression of Palestinian universities.
- Encourage the adoption of students' union policies in support of Palestinian rights and action by students' unions in support of BDS including by drafting and circulating model motions and materials.
- Working with PSC's BDS Campaigns Officer, play a leading role in PSC actions and BDS campaigns that are especially relevant to young people, building and maintaining alliances and coalitions with relevant groups as appropriate.
- Manage and develop PSC's messaging to young people and students in consultation with PSC's media and communications officers.
- Develop and implement strategies to engage young people in PSC's broader campaigning and create networks to sustain that campaigning.
- Work alongside PSC's Protecting the Space Officer to ensure students are appropriately protected from attempts to delegitimise and suppress activism for Palestine on campus.
- Attend weekly Campaigns Team meetings and input on aspects of campaign plans that relate to students and young people.
- Promote PSC in an appropriate manner at public events and meetings.
- As necessary, prepare email updates to PSC supporters.
- Carry out any other duties requested by the Deputy Director – Organising

Person specification

<u>Knowledge and Experience:</u>

- Knowledge and experience of campaigning in solidarity with Palestine in a student context
- Experience of building political alliances to support campaign objectives
- Experience of using social media in a campaigning context
- Experience of producing campaign materials and organising campaign activities
- Knowledge of contemporary campaign techniques and tools

- Able to work effectively in a small collaborative team and to work together to ensure aligned and consistent messaging
- Knowledge of the key issues and frameworks to understand the situation in Palestine and intersecting liberation struggles.
- Demonstrable understanding of and support for the aims and objectives of PSC
- Clear and demonstrable commitment to anti racism, social justice, and diversity and inclusion.

Skills

- Ability to think creatively and come up with new ideas
- Research skills and the ability to inform others based on that research, both in written form and verbally to a range of audiences
- Confident IT user with the ability to learn new programmes and processes quickly
- Ability to react to new demands and shift work priorities as required
- Good team working and communications skills
- Ability when required to work on one's own initiative
- Campaigning skills, and a desire to develop these further

PSC is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications from all suitably qualified people regardless of race, sex, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, marital status, pregnancy or maternity, or age.

If you require adjustments in the process, or to apply in a different format, please get in touch to discuss this.