



STUDENT DAY OF ACTION

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PALSOC ACTION GUIDE

Palestinians resisting apartheid need our solidarity more than ever, yet here in Britain the government is acting to suppress activism for Palestinian rights. The government has threatened to bring in a law aiming to prevent public bodies like universities from divesting from companies involved in the abuse of Palestinian rights, and last year, the then-Education Secretary threatened that universities should report students who call for Palestinian liberation “from the river to the sea” to the police (aside from being incredibly draconian, this would be near impossible to implement). The government also pressured the NUS to launch an investigation into antisemitism, using the discredited IHRA definition which conflates antisemitism with legitimate advocacy for Palestinian rights.

In the context of Israel’s increased violence against Palestinians, this February students across Britain are taking action to show that our voices will not be silenced: we will stand in solidarity with Palestinians in their struggle against apartheid and racism by campaigning for our universities to divest fully from companies complicit in Israel’s system of apartheid.

WHAT CAN PALESTINE SOCIETIES DO?

Palestine Societies can use this day of action to raise awareness of the work they are doing to challenge their university’s complicity in Israeli apartheid:

- You could invite a speaker (ideally platforming Palestinian voices) to talk about the importance of divestment from complicit companies (email stella.swain@palestinecampaign if you need help contacting a speaker)
- If you’re interested in starting a divestment campaign on your campus, check out our [university complicity database](#), our [guide to organising an Apartheid Off Campus campaign](#), and host a planning meeting to kickstart your campaign (get in touch for tips and campaign trainings)
- If already have an active divestment campaign, host a mass-email event to send emails to your vice chancellor lobbying for full divestment from complicit companies, write a piece in your student newspaper arguing for full divestment, or launch a student petition demanding divestment from companies that support Israel’s system of oppression

You can also show your solidarity on this day of action by:

- Putting up posters across campus ([download here](#), or order print copies by emailing us) – make sure you take a photo of them and tag [@palestinesolidarityuk](#) (Instagram) / [@pscupdates](#) (Twitter) so we can share them
- Making a banner that says ‘From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free’ or ‘Apartheid off Campus’ and doing a banner drop or tagging us in a photo on social media (or send the photos to us and we’ll post them from our account!)
- Tweeting, making an Instagram post, Reel or TikTok including the hashtags #FromTheRiverToTheSea and #ApartheidOffCampus, tagging the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, and asking people to share it far and wide
- Getting in touch with PSC to discuss starting or developing a divestment campaign in your university – we can run workshops with you to map out successful campaigns, including motions to SUs, direct action, open letters and more!

We would also like everyone who can to film a clip (on a phone is fine, just make sure it’s portrait!) of you (it could be your group, or you individually/as a pair), saying “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!” – this can be at a rally, on a protest, at an action or at a group meeting, with a banner or placard, or just in your room! We’re going to combine the videos to make a solidarity clip showing the strength of organising for Palestine across British universities. Email stella.swain@palestinecampaign to get involved.