



# RUNNING A STUDENT WALKOUT: A GUIDE

In the context of Israel's ongoing violence against Palestinians, 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 ongoing genocide.

**A walkout from class is a tactic that has often been used by the student movement to deliver a clear message that there can be no more business as usual.**

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## ***So, you're planning a walkout, what next?***

- Make sure your **demands are clear**, and you're linking to a current, ongoing campaign – e.g. if you have a divestment campaign calling on your university to stop investing in companies complicit in Israel's genocide, then make sure this demand is prominent in your messaging. If there isn't yet a divestment campaign on your campus, check out our [university complicity database](#) to find out more about your university's investments.
- Make sure you advertise a clear **time to walk out of class (e.g. Thursday at Noon)** and share it far and wide – get it on social media, put posters up, and flyer your classmates.
- Organise a **rally as a meeting point for all the walkouts to head to** – this could be somewhere central in the university, or somewhere significant to your demands like outside the finance offices.
- Make links with organisers in different faculties, year groups and classes – see how broad a spread across the university community you can get to walk out of class!
- **Reach out to your local UCU branch** to let them know you'll be walking out of their classes, and invite them to join you at your rally.
- Make sure you get in touch with other groups to join you (e.g. climate campaigners, anti-racist campaign groups, feminist groups or other supportive societies). Ask them to co-host or share the events on social media
- At your rally, make sure you know your speakers in advance and have no tolerance for non-strategic statements (don't end up in the Daily Mail!)
- As always, make sure you [know your rights!](#)
- Make sure you know [how to get in touch with ELSC](#) if anything goes wrong and you need any legal support.
- **Tell people about what you've done!** Contact local and university press outlets with photos and a short press release and some photographs of the action.