

Join Trade Unions and Workers-led Actions on 14th May in Solidarity with Palestine

The [Palestinian BDS National Committee](#), the largest Palestinian coalition leading the global BDS movement, calls on **civil society organisations, student unions and the broader solidarity movement to take action on May 14th**, supporting and joining actions led by workers and trade unions, in line with the Palestinian labor movement demands.

What you can do:

- **Organise peaceful protests, sit-ins and walk-outs on May 14th** and share pictures, videos on social media.
- **Amplify and share the [demands of Palestinian trade unions](#)** as per May 1st, 2026 statement.
- **Contact your elected politicians, MPs, and ministers calling for ending complicity and imposing lawful sanctions:** Apply political pressure from the ground up demanding ending complicity and upholding obligations under international law by endorsing targeted sanctions on Israel, starting with a comprehensive military and energy embargo.
- **Push your workplace, union, organisation to adopt Ethical Procurement Policies:** An [Ethical Procurement Operation Guide](#) and the [Campaign Guide from ELSC](#) can both be found on the European Legal Support Center (ELSC) website.
- If applicable, push your organisations to **adopt an Ethical Investment Policy:** An ethical investment policy is [available here](#). Use these resources to write to your employer seeking information in relation to their pension agreement and policy asking if it contains anything in relation to respect for human rights by companies, as well as their obligation under widely accepted business and human rights norms – as laid down in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises – to promote respect for human rights by companies with which they do business.
- **Push your institution, workplace, union, organisation to become an [Apartheid Free Zone \(AFZ\)](#).**
- Promote, join and support upcoming demonstrations organised in your region for Nakba day on Saturday 16th May.

Resources and references:

- ICTU Workplace Day of Action: <https://www.ictu.ie/events/2026-05-14/may-14th-workplace-day-action-solidarity-people-palestine>
- ICTU statement on conscientious objection: <https://www.ictu.ie/news/workers-must-not-be-placed-unconscionable-situations-complicity-israeli-genocide>
- TUC Workplace Day of Action: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/news/workplace-day-action-palestine-14-may-2026>
- STUC Workplace Day of Action: <https://www.stuc.org.uk/action-for-palestine/>
- [PSC](#) Trade Union organising toolkit: <https://palestinecampaign.org/wp-content/uploads/TU-organising-toolkit-2.pdf>

- Apartheid Free Zone Guide and Toolkit:
https://bdsmovement.net/sites/default/files/AFZ_Organizing_Guide.pdf
https://bdsmovement.net/sites/default/files/AFZ_Toolkit.pdf
- Apartheid Free Zone in Scotland: <https://apartheidfree.scot/signup/>
- Apartheid Free Zone in Ireland: <https://apartheidfree.ie/>
- Ethical Procurement Policy Legal Guide:
<https://bdsmovement.net/Operational-Guide-EPP>
- Ethical Procurement Policy Campaign Guide:
<https://elsc.support/resource/campaign-guide-for-an-ethical-procurement-policy/>
- Ethical Investment Policy:
<https://bdsmovement.net/resources/ethical-investment-policy>

For Students and Student Unions specifically:

- Organise campus protests, including walk-outs, and campaign for your student unions and universities to implement policies on ethical academic ties and to cut all ties, including Horizon Europe projects, with Israeli universities for their complicity in violations of international law and human rights, in line with PACBI and BDS guidelines.
- Organise campus protests and campaign for your student unions and universities to divest from companies that [BDS divestment priorities](#) and adopt an ethical investment policy.
- Organise campus protests and campaign for your student unions and universities to stop purchasing from BDS priority targets and adopt an ethical procurement policy.
- Graduate students, staff, and faculty, sign the European Declaration of Conscientious Objection to refuse complicity in academic collaboration with complicit Israeli institutions, commit to abiding by PACBI and BDS guidelines, and encourage other employees on your campus to do the same.

Resources and references:

- PSC webpage for students' mobilisation for the week of 14th May:
<https://palestinecampaign.org/events/nakba-78-national-student-day-of-action/>
- PSC Apartheid Off Campus Campaign:
<https://palestinecampaign.org/campaigns/apartheid-off-campus/>
- Policy on Ethical Academic Ties (PEAT):
<https://right2edu.birzeit.edu/policy-on-ethical-academic-ties-peat/>
- PACBI Guidelines on Academic Boycott:
<https://bdsmovement.net/pacbi/academic-boycott-guidelines>
- Strategic Radicalism on Campus:
<https://bdsmovement.net/news/campus-uprisings-for-palestine-strategic-radicalism-et-hical-principles-and-incremental-wins>
- Wins and Impacts of Academic Boycott of Horizon Europe:
<https://bdsmovement.net/news/israel-margins-horizon-academic-boycotts>
- Uppsala Declaration on Conscientious Objection:
<https://uppsaladeclaration.se/europe/>