

Our cooperation with other groups

We are inspired by the great strides by *Jewish Voice for Peace* (JVP) in the US. We set up JNP as a UK sister organisation, loosely connected by exchanging information and sharing opposition to Zionism. We cooperate with other pro-Palestine organisations, especially the International Jewish Collective for Justice in Palestine (IJCJP). In the UK we combine forces at public events. Together we are forming a larger, potentially influential pressure group which may transform UK's position towards assisting a peaceful, just resolution of the conflict.

Convivencia Declaration & Alliance

JNP is a member of the Convivencia Alliance -- a cross-faith international initiative for a just peace in the Middle East, based on a history of shared values of justice in the monotheistic faiths. It is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, placing responsibility on everyone 'to promote respect for these rights and freedoms'. The call extends to people of all faiths and none, committed to these values. Instead of dividing people, this approach unites them in a search for a just peace based on equality for all in Palestine/Israel. It follows the original PLO programme of decolonisation to end Zionism, towards building a just, democratic civic society in historic Palestine.

JNP opposes false coexistence claims. In contrast to a just coexistence, 'inter-faith dialogue' is driven by a wish to normalise Zionism, thus silencing demands for Palestinian rights. Such dishonest 'coexistence' undermines the core values of the three faiths. In the UK, the 'Prevent Violent Extremism' programme has stigmatised Muslim pro-Palestine voices as threats warranting 'deradicalisation'.

To pursue a just coexistence, the Convivencia Declaration concludes with practical proposals; for example: challenging fake 'interfaith' coexistence; opposing colonialism, racism and Zionism (Jewish supremacism); developing new alliances between secular and faith groups, and building better, diverse foundations (especially social justice and human rights) for collective action converging more effectively.

The Convivencia Declaration was launched by an inter-faith Alliance between JNP, the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC) and Peacemaker Trust. Endorsements are welcome. Read the full document:

<https://jewishnetworkforpalestine.uk/Convivencia%20Alliance/>

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Jewish Network for Palestine

Jewish Network for Palestine is a UK organisation supporting a just peace in Palestine.

At present, Israel controls all those residing in historic Palestine, i.e. between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River. This state denies full civil rights and access to resources to indigenous Palestinians, systematically violating international law. In this context, we offer the following:

- ❖ We oppose Zionism: this means the need to decolonize all of historic Palestine, towards creating one secular democratic state.
- ❖ We believe that a just solution must guarantee full civil and political rights, as well as equal access to resources for all inhabitants regardless of national origin, religion, race, language or gender.
- ❖ We demand an immediate end to Israel's illegal Occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.
- ❖ The Palestinian refugees must be allowed to return in accordance with international law and equity. This recognises the Palestinian right of return mandated by UN Resolution 194.
- ❖ We advocate Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel and complicit companies so that foreign policy be based on international law.



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Our opposition to Zionism

We totally oppose Zionism because it contradicts the ideals of justice, equality and freedom for all people. Zionism was a false, failed answer to the desperately real question that many of our ancestors faced: how to protect Jewish lives from murderous antisemitism in Europe. Zionism is a settler-colonial movement, establishing an apartheid state where Jews have more rights than others. Jewish history teaches us how misguided and dangerous this can be.

Palestinian dispossession and occupation happened by design. Zionism caused profound trauma for generations, forcefully separating Palestinians from their homes, land, and families. Zionism has resulted in massacres of Palestinian people, Destruction of villages and olive groves, families separated by checkpoints and walls, and children holding onto keys of homes from which their grandparents were forcibly exiled. Palestinian existence entails resistance. We are humbled by the vibrance, resilience, and steadfastness of Palestinian life, culture, and organisation.

Zionism has also harmed Jewish people. Many have learned from Zionism to treat their neighbours with suspicion, forgetting the ways Jews built a community wherever they found themselves. Jewish people have had long, integrated histories in the Arab and Muslim world in Asia, North Africa, Spain, the Ottoman Empire and Balkans, as well as in Palestine, living among and sharing community, language and custom with Muslims and Christians.

By creating a racist hierarchy with European Jews at the top, Zionism erased such histories and communities. In Israel, Jewish people of colour have long been subjected to systemic discrimination by the Israeli government. Jews of colour are marginalised, their identities questioned, and their experiences are invalidated. Zionism prevents us all from seeing each other in our full humanity.

Zionist interpretations of history claim that Jewish people should stay isolated: that remedying the harms of antisemitism means considering ourselves always under attack, never trusting non-Jews. It induces and uses fear, preferring military occupation, separation walls, and humiliating checkpoints.

We chose a different path, learning from anti-Zionist Jews in recent history. As long as Zionism has existed, so has Jewish dissent to it. We chose solidarity with the oppressed. We chose collective liberation. We chose a future where everyone -- Palestinians and Jewish Israelis -- will live freely in vibrant, safe, equitable communities, with basic human needs fulfilled.

Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign

JNP fully supports the 2005 Palestinian call for Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel and complicit activities. The call outlines: 'The Palestinian BDS campaign... aims to pressure Israel to comply with international law and to end international support for Israel's regime of settler colonialism and apartheid.' Western states collude with this regime. We aim to expand the BDS campaign against all forms of collusion: military, economic, cultural, academic, etc. See <https://bdsmovement.net>

Towards One Democratic State



The political solution for a future just peace in Palestine lies with the communities living there. However, any such solution has been pre-empted by the so-called 'international community', especially US, EU and UK elites. They have colluded with the unjust political-military control by Israel's settler-colonial apartheid regime. Meanwhile they repeat the mantra of a 'two-state solution'. This has enabled Israel to expand the settlements, suppress the Palestinian minority in Israel, and keep undermining its few remaining rights. Israel continues to deny any rights to over four million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza, which have become a genocide zone.

The only just solution is a single secular, democratic state for all living between the river and the sea with equal rights, including the right of return for the expelled Palestinians and their descendants. This was the original programme of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the 1960s. Palestinian civil society has increasingly supported this demand.

The One Democratic State Campaign (ODSC) was launched by Palestinian and Israeli Jewish activists, intellectuals and academics in 2018. Its aims: "We will work to transform our campaign into a broad popular movement, guided by a clear political program, a participatory and transparent grassroots organization, and an effective strategy for achieving our goal of a democratic state throughout historic Palestine, in which the Palestinian refugees and their descendants return home. Our campaign considers itself part of the global human liberation movement, including the progressive forces of the Arab world fighting for a just regional and world order."

Read the 10-point Manifesto <https://onestatecampaign.org/all/en-manifesto/>