



Annual Members Meeting
18th February 2016

Motion Name: Re-affirming Commitment to Constructive and Safe Debate on Israel-Palestine

Background:

1. The Israel-Palestine conflict has become a divisive issue on many campuses, with the consequence of alienating students and creating a hostile campus atmosphere.
2. Incidents on campuses throughout the country, such as that in Kings College London in January 2016¹ are not conducive to peace and campus cohesion
3. On UK campuses, debate on Israel Palestine has often led to anti-Semitic sentiments, but this need not be a consequence of debate.

Purpose:

1. Bristol SU strongly upholds its Safe Space Policy, and it is only through dialogue and co-operation that this can be maintained.
2. The Bristol University Israel Palestine Discussion Group exemplifies student co-operation and dialogue.
3. The behavior of the BDS movement on campus is unconstructive, and does not promote peace both at universities and in the Middle East.

Action:

1. To reaffirm the SU's commitment to co-existence and dialogue, particularly on issues surrounding the Israel Palestine conflict.
2. To support the Bristol University Israel Palestine Discussion Group, and therefore encourage students to engage in the conflict in a moderate and civilized manner, with respect for all opinions and identities.
3. To condemn any violent, disrespectful, anti-Semitic or islamophobic activity on the Israel Palestine conflict on associated with Bristol SU or University of Bristol

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¹ KCL Statement regarding the Security of Israel event

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/newsevents/news/newsrecords/2016/01%20January/Statement-regarding-the-Security-of-Israel-event.aspx>

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