Policy Proposal: Standing with Jewish Students

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Sheffield Students' Union Council Notes:
1. Antisemitism in Britain is at its highest level since records began.
2. Sheffield SU does not currently officially recognise any definition of antisemitism.
3. Organisations including the National Union of Students and the Union of Jewish Students have adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism, which states that “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities”
4. Sheffield Jewish Society does not routinely publish the location of its events due to potential dangers to their members.

Sheffield Students' Union Council Believes:
1. Antisemitism manifests in a way unique from other forms of racism and hate, and is poorly understood. As such, it must be clearly and uniquely defined.
2. Recent events both on campus and further afield show the importance of safeguarding Jewish students.

Sheffield Students' Union Council Resolves:
1. to adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism in full and to refer to it when complaints of antisemitism are made to the Students' Union.
2. To lobby the university to also adopt the IHRA definition in full.
3. To mandate the Students' Union Officers to regularly meet with Jewish Society and attend or support their events, as appropriate.