

1. Please see the evidence attached overleaf. The Party has reason to believe that this is your change.org account. Can you confirm this is the case?

It is

2. The Party has reason to believe that you posted or shared the statements and petition contained in the evidence pack yourself. Can you confirm this is the case?

It is

3. Please explain what you meant when you started this petition?

I meant to get the Labour Party to abandon the full IHRA definition of anti-Semitism as adopted by the NEC on 4th Sept

4. What did you mean by “Free speech in Labour at risk”.

We are seeing a witch-hunt against those that would state that Israel is a racist endeavour. That this is undeniable is the case. That Labour now seeks to discipline those who would state as much is also self-evident, else why would you have written to me?

This is galling, especially whilst you have dismissed my complaint against Labour Friends of Israel and the Jewish Labour Movement (read it at <https://www.change.org/p/to-chair-of-labour-s-nec-andy-kerr-labour-members-declaring-israel-is-a-racist-endeavour-call-on-nec-to-abandon-full-ihra/u/23381721>), agencies funded by £1M of Netanyahu’s cash to pervert the definition of anti-Semitism in the UK (the better to remove my rights to free speech), as recently shown on Al Jazeera’s documentary *The Lobby* (view it here <https://youtu.be/ceCOhdgRBoc> and read its validation here <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2017/oct/09/ofcom-clears-al-jazeera-antisemitism-expose-israeli-embassy-official>) .

An Israeli Embassy political officer is filmed discussing how to “take down” certain MPs as well as describing his plans to set up a Labour Friends of Israel youth wing (see <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jan/08/israeli-diplomat-shai-masot-plotted-against-mps-set-up-political-groups-labour>). These are the actions that endanger the Labour Party and deserve your investigation.

I might dare to suggest that focussing on this could be a better use of your time, if you genuinely care about free speech.

5. Do you think this petition could be seen as hostile towards Jews?

Not at all. It explicitly states “We are not anti-Jewish”. It is hostile towards Zionists, which is a different kettle of fish entirely. Anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism, as my friends in [Neturei Karta](#) would say.

6. Did you write the post alongside the petition starting “Hello Fellow Labourist, some news”?

Yes

7. Please explain what you meant when you shared this post?

I meant to enlighten those 180 folk who had signed the petition at that point as to what was going on regarding free speech in Labour about Israel.

I wanted to tell those signers about my Mondoweiss article “Why let Netanyahu write the Labour rulebook?” of which I am rather pleased (you can read it at <https://mondoweiss.net/2018/09/netanyahu-labour-rulebook/>) .

No-one was more surprised than I when they published it, especially when they accompanied it with Latuff's cartoon, which I would like to reproduce for you here:



(Should you seek to use it yourselves, fear not; Mondoweiss have declared the image free from copyright)

In my post, I also wanted to find out who might be going to Conference and ask if they would like to help by distributing these flyers I had put together:

Front face:

Labour members declaring Israel a racist endeavour ask NEC to abandon full IHRA

200+ HAVE SIGNED
PETITION TO NEC

“ We Labour Party members declare Israel to be a racist endeavour. We are not anti-Jewish.

We challenge our National Executive Committee to expel us from the Party, if you believe that, according to the IHRA definition you adopted on the 4th Sept, we are anti-Semitic. If you will not, we expect you to return Labour to its previous position, which allowed full freedom of speech on Israel.

We also call into question the adopted point 3)

“Applying double standards

to Israel by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation”. Israel cannot claim to be a democratic nation. Haaretz noted that the number of Arabs in Israel (including Gaza and the West Bank) will exceed that of Jews by 2020. If it were a true democracy, the country would shortly be ruled by Arabs, a prospect so terrifying to Jewish leaders that they can only maintain their control through denying the 4.4 million Arabs living in the occupied areas the right to vote in national elections.

We believe that of 550,000 members, the fact that only 45 alleged cases are active in the LBC leaked dossier shows there is no particular problem with anti-Semitism in the Labour Party. However, adopting the full IHRA will multiply the number of these cases many times over. Please keep the Labour Party united and abandon the



added examples that stifle me from expressing my view on the racist nature of Israel and the lack of democracy there. “

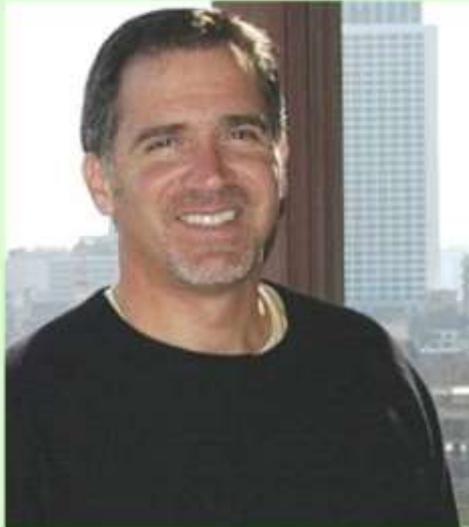
Sign online at

tinyurl.com/israelihra



FRINGE MEETING—FREE ENTRY—ALL WELCOME

Come and meet these two remarkable men- a Muslim and a Jew; hear their story from both sides and how they came together to fight for peace in the Middle East



Miko Peled has impeccable credentials, born and brought up in Jerusalem in a staunchly Zionist household, he is a writer, peace activist and campaigner for Palestinian rights. His grandfather participated at the signing of Israel's declaration of independence and his father was a General in the Israeli Defence force. Miko also served in the IDF.

In 1997 his niece was killed by Palestinian suicide bombers but instead of he and his sister Nurit, the girl's mother, reacting as one might have expected, they were determined to find out what would drive young Palestinians to such desperate measures. In their research they uncovered so many myths and lies about Israeli history, they became peace campaigners and profoundly anti-Zionist.

Issa Amro is a prominent human rights defender and founding member of **Youth Against Settlements** in Hebron who work peacefully against Israeli occupation of the West Bank. He won the One World media award in 2009 for his involvement in **B'Tselem's** "Shooting Back" project, which provides media training and distributes cameras to Palestinians to document settler and military abuse. **Issa Amro's** work with these organisations, led to his winning the **UN OHCHR 'Human Rights Defender of the Year in Palestine'** award in 2010.



RABBIS RESPECT CORBYN

29 leading rabbis of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations recently issued a statement where they supported "respected" Corbyn and distanced themselves from "irresponsible" claims in the media that the Jews of Britain are outraged towards him.

Read it at tinyurl.com/29rabbis

*The meeting will be at the Liverpool Hilton Hotel, close to the convention centre.
7pm to 10pm Tuesday 25th Sept. We hope to have a lively and informative Q& A afterwards.*

defence of your allegations against me. You may view it at <https://www.gofundme.com/legalcoststogetLabourtoabandonIHRA>

8. What did you mean when you said “The interview also shows the hand the Jewish Labour Movement (a Zionist body affiliated to Labour) is playing in leading the witch-hunt that is developing in the Labour Party.”

I reprint for you here the parts of that interview with John McDonnell that reference the JLM:

“**JN:** The Birkenhead CLP discussed and passed a motion that rejected JLM training because of ‘possible links to ISIS.’ Does that not suggest a deep cultural problem in the Labour Party?”

JmD: I’ve not seen the motion. I find it bizarre that anyone could link JLM and ISIS. It’s extraordinary and laughable. I’ll take that up and I’ll engage in the debate with the constituency. I’ve worked with the JLM, met them on a regular basis and done everything I can to bend over backwards and cooperate. If an individual constituency party has put a motion like that forward, it just emphasises the need for education. Let me have a look at the resolution itself and ask the constituency what’s happened there, and I’ll ask JLM as well.”

“I’ve heard this said before, in meetings where people have said ‘I’ve never seen any anti-Semitism.’ I go back to the Irish issue, 20-30 years ago during the GLC period, I’ve sat in meetings where people have been cracking Irish jokes in front of me not realising that they’re racist. I think we’re at that stage in terms of anti-Semitism within Labour, and I have to say as well, in the wider community. So again, I’m looking for positives from this, which is that people will start learning – and the programmes of education within the Labour Party has got to be absolutely first-class. We need to involve people in developing that, and JLM are one of those I’d like to mobilise to ensure we do that. That will raise the level of understanding. If you look at what we did with anti-Irish racism, we’ve eradicated that element from the Labour Party, and that’s what we’ve got to do here.”

“**JN:** JLM have reported Chris Williamson to the chief whip and they’ve not heard anything...”

JmD: It will be considered in the normal way.

JN: Will you follow that up personally. They have been ignored so far...

JmD: I can check where it is. When JLM have raised these issues in the past, that’s exactly what I’ve done.”

I think that after you have read the above you will appreciate why I expressed the views that I did. JLM are clearly leading the witch-hunt. In further support of this claim, I seek to point out to you its most recent endeavour in trawling for “anti-Semites” in Labour’s membership (ie those who might call Israel a racist state) when it wrote to CLP Secretaries around the UK requesting they ask members to inform on one another using the JLM survey. I have complained about this act too – for details, please go to <http://www.kidsnotsuits.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/emailToNEConJLMemail.pdf>

9. What did you mean when you said “If our petition is ignored, I think we can then feel safe in proclaiming from every rooftop that “Israel is a racist endeavour.”

I think this statement is self-explanatory. If Labour had dared to ignore our petition (which of course it could have done) it would have indicated that whilst the Party had adopted the full IHRA, it had no intention of acting upon it. I see that this is now clearly not the case.

10. Do you think there's anything problematic about this post?

No

11. Do you think anyone could take offence by your post?

Possibly Zionists, but there again it is to be expected because as you will agree, Socialism is incompatible with Zionism which seeks to colonise the whole of Palestine by force if necessary.

Please let me know if you would like me to provide evidence to that effect, which exists in abundance. People can take offence for all sorts of reasons, indeed they can and do feign offence just to silence others. I think you will also agree this is how Zionists such as the JLM hope to silence Jeremy Corbyn.

12. Do you think this post could be seen as hostile towards Jews?

No

13. Do you think this post might meet the IHRA definition of antisemitism?

No. The IHRA suggests that saying "Israel is a racist endeavour" might only be seen as anti-Semitic if it were accompanied by statements that were actually derogatory towards Jews.

This post was a test to see how you (ie Jennie Formby) would respond; if you choose to focus on but one example as anti-Semitic, I think it must show you had chosen to act as a Zionist, rather than as a Labourist.

14. The international Holocaust Remembrance Alliance includes in its definition of anti-Semitism the following examples:

Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.

Do you think your post might meet the IHRA definition of antisemitism?

No- I did not articulate the former, I merely cited the latter. If the Jewish people exercised their right to self-determination in tandem with the other occupants of Israel (in the same way that Scots seeking a right to self-determination through seeking independence, have no intention of implementing racist laws that discriminate against non-Scots), there would be no need for the example given.

But it is purely because Israel is a racist endeavour, that the IHRA seeks to outlaw those who would state as much. It is therefore an extremely dangerous document, which should never have been considered in the first place. The OED has the definition of anti-Semitism which I and everybody I know accepts. Namely that anti-Semitism is simply "hostility to or prejudice against Jews"

The IHRA definition is plainly unwieldy, unfit for purpose, and of value only to Zionists.

I think [Hugh Tomlison QC](#) in his paper on the subject of the definition of the IHRA is pertinent here. Read it on the [Free Speech on Israel website](#)

15. Rule 2.1.8 in the Party's rulebook states:

"No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is prejudicial, or in any act which in the opinion of the NEC is grossly detrimental to the Party. The NEC shall take account of any codes of conduct currently in force and shall regard any incident which in their view might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment or identity; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation as conduct prejudicial to the Party: these shall include but not be limited to incidents involving racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia or otherwise racist

language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions, sexual harassment, bullying or any form of intimidation towards another person on the basis of a protected characteristic as determined by the NEC, wherever it occurs, as conduct prejudicial to the Party. Any dispute as to whether a member is in breach of the provisions of this sub-clause shall be determined by the NCC in accordance with Chapter 1 Clause IX above and the disciplinary rules and guidelines in Chapter 6 below. Where appropriate the NCC shall have regard to involvement in financial support for the organisation and/or the activities of any organisation declared ineligible for affiliation to the Party under Chapter 1.11.5 or 3.C above; or to the candidature of the members in opposition to an officially endorsed Labour Party candidate or the support for such candidature. The NCC shall not have regard to the mere holding or expression of beliefs and opinions except in any instance inconsistent with the Party's aims and values, agreed codes of conduct, or involving prejudice towards any protected characteristic."

What is your response to the allegation that your conduct may be or have been in breach of this rule?

I don't believe my conduct has been in breach of this rule. Rather the opposite. By showing there are many in Labour who would stand up against racism and intimidation in the face of the pernicious IHRA, I feel the Party's reputation is enhanced.

16. Do you agree that these posts show sentiments that are directly contradictory to Labour Party values?

Not at all. The Labour Party is founded on the twin planks of equality of opportunity and social justice. My post supports those aims and values.

17. Looking back at the evidence supplied with this letter, do you regret posting or sharing any of this content?

Not for a moment.

18. Do you intend to post or share content of this nature again in the future?

Oh yes.

19. Would you be willing to undergo further training if it were recommended to you by the party?

Nope.