

UNISON support for the Nottingham Camp for the Liberation of Palestine — no to war!

UNISON at University of Nottingham welcomes and supports the Nottingham Camp for the Liberation of Palestine (NCLP) and the attention it brings to the brutal war Israel is waging against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip following the Hamas attacks of 7 October 2023, and the state's ongoing suppression of Palestinians in the West Bank.

We might not agree with all points of the NCLP programme, and NCLP priorities might not be the views of all of our members, but that is not a reason to stand by when young people are putting themselves on the line for others and for a fairer world. Instead, we look forward to engaging and debating with those organising the camp. In principle we stand by them from a humanitarian perspective, and we look forward to visiting and giving all the support we can.

UNISON's stance is support for two states: the current war shows how urgently the Palestinians need a secure state of their own alongside Israel. This is the only basis for lasting peace in the region.

We support reasoned debate on these issues and are committed to all staff and students being able to play a full part in life on our campuses. We oppose Islamophobia and antisemitism in any form they take.

As staff, we want a properly, publicly funded University, focused on solving the problems humanity and the planet face. We look forward to the day when we work for a university that doesn't take money from arms companies or squander intellectual capacity on devising means to maim and kill our fellow human beings.

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