



PALESTINE CAMP

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Students and staff: join the camp!

Last Wednesday, hundreds of students showed up outside the Students' Union to attend a protest in solidarity with Palestine. Around halfway through the chanting and speeches, several shopping trolleys crammed with gazebos, sleeping bags and tents suddenly arrived. Quickly and efficiently, an encampment with 25 tents and dozens of people was set up outside Coffee Revolution.

This University is covered in blood. It has received over £72 million from arms companies since 2012. Staff at the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) have won awards for their work developing the F-35 fighter jet, used by the Israeli army in their genocidal murder of tens of thousands of Palestinians. We are demanding the university cuts ties with arms companies, joins in with the Boycott, Divestment & Sanction (BDS) of Israel, and shows accountability by meeting staff & students at our camp. We demand an immediate ceasefire and an end to the genocide of Palestinians which has been ongoing for decades, but has significantly intensified since last October. We will remain camping indefinitely until our demands are met. This university belongs to all of us, not our parasitic senior management. If we come together in strength and solidarity there is no demand we cannot win.

You might be wondering, why a protest camp? How will this help us win our demands? These are all important questions, as thought-out strategy for how to build power and target the university are the key to victory. We want to reclaim space for students, to



share meals together, to organise ourselves and live together. We want to be visible so more people can join us. We want to show the uni that from here we can only get stronger. We are guided by our compassion and love. We want to stay laser focused on Gaza and cover every surface we can with chalk and banners demanding liberation. These demands for liberation are already achieved in part through taking action together, not because those in power have conceded to us, but because we are building power of our own. We are part of a national and international student movement, sweeping the country and the globe. Sixteen British universities are in revolt; by next week there will be twenty-five. Our unity is our strength.

Students and staff; join us! Come to our demos and visit our camp. Help with outreach, come share our food and camp with us. No role is too small and no dreams too big.

Hands off Rafah! Stop the assault!

Over 1 million civilians are currently sheltering in the city of Rafah. Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly insisted that the Israeli army will attack Rafah whether a deal is struck with Hamas or not. On 6 May Israel started forcing people from the city.

Any attack on Rafah will have an enormous death toll. There is simply not enough habitable

infrastructure left in Gaza to safely evacuate civilians into. By declaring the impossible war goal of "eliminating Hamas", Israel has backed itself into a corner, and looks prepared to wreak even more destruction in the attempt to get out of it.

On top of the direct violence of the Israeli army, Palestinians face an acute and worsening humanitarian crisis, with severe risk of

famine and widespread disease due to the destruction of sanitation and healthcare infrastructure. The global solidarity movement with Palestine must organise to stop this new assault through an immediate ceasefire. Our camp in Sheffield will support this and can be used as a space to coordinate local funding for humanitarian bodies like Medical Aid for Palestinians.

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University links with arms trade

The university is a rock solid pillar of imperialism. They are in bed with war criminals, making them complicit in the worst atrocities happening in the world. Their partnerships with arms companies such as Boeing, BAE systems, Rolls Royce and Lockheed Martin make us the shame of Sheffield.

The Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) is a massive university owned and run complex in the east of Sheffield. Here, doctoral researchers and engineering students work on projects which enhance the manufacturing capacities of BAE systems - a company for which arms account for 97% of total sales. There are also research partnerships with the other arms companies listed. The AMRC is the death star on our doorstep. From Yemen to Rojava, to Palestine and beyond, tens of thousands of civilians are being murdered by weapons which the Uni of Sheffield helps develop.

As students and staff of this institution, it is our moral imperative to fight for the severing of all ties to arms companies. Down with the research partnerships and their stalls at our careers fairs! Stop accepting blood money from these murderers! We are the people of Sheffield; we are multicultural, compassionate and community minded. We should not be complicit in genocide.



Lockheed Martin F-35 Fighter Jet; used by Israel, manufacturing processes developed by UoS

Demonstration against the Rwanda deportations.

Wed 8th May, 8am - 10am @ Vulcan House, S3 8NU

We will be joining the wider community outside the home office on Wednesday to display our support for our refugee community. As of the 1st May the UK government began detaining refugees as part of the fascist Rwanda "relocation" plan. In response we have seen a mass wave of resistance to the home office. We stand with the community.

How can you help

- Donate us things on our what we need list!
- Help cook meals for the camp
- Come along to our demonstrations
- Come to hang out and have food with us
- Attend our workshops & teach-ins
- Camp overnight! We have spare equipment

If you want to support our camp, please join our whatsapp supporters group chat.



Instagram: palestine.sccp

What we need:

- **Camping equipment;** tents, gazebos, blankets, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, blankets, chairs
 - Food (especially meals! Please get in touch)
 - Cups, plates, bowls & cutlery
 - Megaphones
 - Banner & poster making materials
 - Palestine flags
 - Printing things for us! (get in touch)
 - Gaffa tape
 - Big whiteboards
 - Cool boxes & ice
 - Power banks
- gofundme.com/f/sheffield-encampment
- QR Code for fundraiser**
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