

## **PSC MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

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### **Contributions around the circle**

Bit wobbly tonight  
Gratitude for what everything  
Bringing my energy to help  
Angry – don't want to be – I'm losing family ties  
Solidarity  
Worried about the crackdown  
Very sad and very defiant  
Grateful to be among you and gain strength from you  
Find out about things and offer solidarity  
Wanting the meeting to bring strength and community – keep with the agenda  
Sharing a map of Palestine  
Here is solidarity – feel lucky I am out there  
Carry on being appalled

### **Report from the External Comms group**

First meeting of the group was this week – they will be regular and so this was agreeing the agenda. These notes are a brief summary

### **Aims**

To notify, inspire action, raise awareness, educate and share knowledge  
To have an organised method of communicating with external groups  
To encourage participation, to create a sense of community so people can join  
To offer a range of voices for different ages and communities

*At meeting we added*

*To develop an identity in the locality, to gather views, to interact, to be outward looking*

### **To who**

- General public who have not connected with us
- To people with questions to ask
- To politicians, schools, faith groups, third sector orgs, arts orgs, local activist groups
- Our own supporters, to people who want to get involved
- Young people
- People who disagree with us / oppose our views

### **Methods (currently)**

- Social Media – Insta/FB/X/ Tiktok
- Website – campaigns, events, resources etc
- Press media – radio, newspaper etc
- Emails
- Print – leaflets / fliers / posters – flyposting and distribution can get to more random people

- Listing magazines websites
- Events that connect to new groups
- Public meetings

### **Immediate Tasks**

- SM research
- Website update – writing/structure/ design
- Interviews/research writing
- E newsletter drafting

### **Report from Internal Comms Group**

First meeting of the group was this week – they will be regular and so this was just setting out the 'stall'. These notes are a brief summary

Aim is to create inclusive networks where people can

- Share information
- Receive information
- Chat and talk
- Build a big and welcoming movement

Talked about using all forms of communication in order to be inclusive – emails, website, meetings, WA groups.

Using different media in different ways – changing email system so it is a way of sharing info NOT discussing, regular meetings (different kinds of meetings at different times etc ), managing the WA groups with a code of conduct etc etc

### **BDS**

(This group hasn't met yet so these are ideas from the meeting)

Stephen has suggested widening the scope to include more than the local shops

Section on website re local BDS

Database of local firms

Should be focus on ONE business – there is a Barclays at the Univ of Cumbria

Or focus on item that is very close to people – Israeli products / Coca Cola +

Going round the streets and talk to particular shops

What is happening at Booths ?

### **Open Discussion about a local PSC Exec Group**

For the National connection we need the roles of Treasurer, Chair and Secretary  
Locally what do we need / what could be useful ????

The widest group needs to feel that an exec represents them

Flows information from national PSC

It could include reps from the different working groups

It will be time saving

Small efficient group – some power but not real power cos the power is in the groups  
An Umbrella – with autonomous working groups - a grandfatherly/motherly role checking that everything is working well together – looking at how we treat each other etc  
Structure is something not to be afraid off  
Let's keep talking and take it into another meeting  
We are all powerful – no-one is the slogan master  
We are doing this out of the goodness of our hearts – we are all different and this is the strength.  
Strength is in our numbers – An exec could be the enablers to see that the day to day stuff happens – but the power is in the working groups  
Locally there are a lot of diff political groups and all have different traditions.  
Let's not be afraid of talking and ensuring that representation takes place  
How do we convene this group without voting ?  
Like a Board of Trustees in a NGO/charity

Who is a member of National PSC ? We should all

### **Other working groups to consider**

University group – including students and staff  
Merch and Fundraising

AOB

Pre-Christmas event on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-9pm at Kanteena (?) – food music etc etc TBC

Discussions about demos, posters and chanting to be taken to another meeting

Finally there was a sharing of people views on the central reason we are all here – who we are and what it is all about.