

## **Anti War Assembly - 3rd March 2024 - Adopted Programme**

1. We continue to organise and mobilise against Israel's genocide of Gaza, which has killed 30,000 Palestinians. As part of a global solidarity movement, we reassert the broader struggle for justice, freedom and equality for Palestine.
2. The mass movement has built enormous political pressure on the UK government and on Westminster politicians. The two Commons ceasefire debates have exposed the failures of our political class. We continue to push relentlessly for an immediate ceasefire.
3. The movement in this country is also confronting the government on its wider Middle East policy. This is subordinate to US foreign policy and includes military intervention against Yemen as a way of supporting Israel's war in Gaza.
4. We oppose the ramping up of racism, in particular Islamophobia, that is being used to demonise the Palestine solidarity movement. We defend the right to protest against attacks from the government, the media and the British state.
5. Our strategy is shaped by recognising that our local activity is part of a national, even global, movement. We enthusiastically support national demonstrations and coordinated days of action. We make maximum impact when we unite and coordinate with others beyond our region.

We call on people to:

1. Participate in the 8th March workplace day of action
2. Build the north east contingent to the 9th March national demonstration for Palestine
3. Turn Newcastle May Day into a big show of support for Palestine, including a Palestine and anti-war bloc, and promote Walk the Tyne for Palestine
4. Encourage union branches and student groups to invite Mick Bowman to speak at meetings and encourage union branches to affiliate to STWC and PSC
5. Work with a range of groups to organise a coach for the PSC Nakba Week national demonstration in May
6. Hold an online activist meeting to follow up the Assembly on Wednesday 13th March
7. Also to important questions raised in the Ant-War Assembly for Newcastle Stop the War activists to follow up, included support for the campaign raised by Northumbria University Friends of Palestine opposing the Lockheed Martin funding for the space centre at the University because of its links and support to Israeli genocide.

To continue to support opposition to the Israeli owned Rafeal arms factory and the sending of arms to Israel.

To continue to support the campaign to oppose Barclays funding of war industries all linked to supporting genocide against the Palestinians and escalating war abroad.

Ending this trade in war and death and demanding that the government implement sanctions against Israel as part of our programme.