



People for Peace, London Supports Colonized Palestine's General Strike and Call to Action on May 18th 2021

In response to the General Strike and Day of Action released by colonized Palestine to the world for Tuesday, May 18, People for Peace, London along with the London Chapter of the Council of Canadians condemn the Israeli state attacks on Gaza and the Israeli settler mob attacks in Jerusalem, West Bank, and within the 1948 borders.

People of Peace, London and the London Chapter of the Council of Canadians stand with colonized Palestine in their resistance to the settler colonial state of Israel and its apartheid practices against the occupied people of Palestine. We support and applaud the declaration of the Reimagine Co's announcement to declare its business an Apartheid Free Zone. We also support the London community's demand to London City Council, Mayor Ed Holder, London Members of Provincial Parliament and London Members of Parliament to make a public statement to condemn the attacks on Gaza and to declare London, Ontario an Apartheid Free Zone, following the [guidelines](https://bdsmovement.net/apartheid-free-zones) put out by the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (<https://bdsmovement.net/apartheid-free-zones>).

The Apartheid Free Zones campaign promotes the creation of spaces which foster proactive solidarity with the Palestinian people. Inspired by the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, the Apartheid Free Zones (AFZ) campaign seeks to cut links of complicity with Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights, especially those related to the UN-defined crime of apartheid. This is one important action that civil society can take to put our government on notice that we will not be complicit in war crimes enacted by Israel upon the Palestinian people.

As Canadian citizens, residents of London and people of conscience, we want to ensure that the spaces that we participate in and the businesses we support do not contribute to the maintenance of an apartheid regime or profit from grave human rights violations. We call on London's community support in maintaining this moment of unprecedented popular resistance and pressing for respect for fundamental human rights for all.

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