

Curtis changed the chat colours

Tues

**Alex Cheney**

📅 16/02/2016 12:28

Prefer Red Curtis, it's more Labour-y haha 😊

Harry changed the chat colours

Tues

**Harry Wright**

📅 16/02/2016 12:29

#truelabour

**Alex Cheney**

📅 16/02/2016 12:29

Haha 😊

**Sina Lari**

📅 16/02/2016 12:30

I need to book my train

**Jasmin Beckett**

📅 16/02/2016 12:30

Expanding this chat a bit guys as I've got loads coming out over the next two weeks so need you all to be on form.

(How good your thank you gift will be at the end of this will correlate with the amount of shares and likes you give me stuff on FB when I release 😊)

Tuesday

**Jasmin Beckett**

📅 16/02/2016 17:34

RIGHT I've launched my twibbon everyone, can y'all add one on to your facebook and twitters if possible? 😊 And then share this post to encourage others!

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=824480994364142&id=776240225854886&fref=nf&pnref=story)

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Jasmin for NEC Youth Rep!

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twibbon.com

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📅 16/02/2016 18:57

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**Dan Walsh**

📅 16/02/2016 18:58

Write a reply...



**Jasmin Beckett**

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**Dan Walsh**

📧 16/02/2016 19:01

**Eddie Scott**

📧 16/02/2016 19:14

Doing it later 😊

Tuesday

**Jasmin Beckett**

16/02/2016 22:18

Fab thanks eddie!! Please post and add the twibbon if you haven't yet 😊

Wednesday

**James Christopher Maxwell**

📧 17/02/2016 09:13

Done it on Twitter 😊

**Jasmin Beckett**

📧 17/02/2016 12:00

Thanks!! Keep posting everyone

Wednesday

**Harry Wright**

17/02/2016 21:48

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=btw7ea6mmqbbT8vSnT8XDw_3D_3D

hey guys, go vote for Jas in here!

**Julia O'Regan**

📧 17/02/2016 21:49

It says I've already taken that survey xx

**Jasmin Beckett**

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Would be very helpful if yas could all vote in that as it'll determine how the Fabians use their vote haha

**James Christopher Maxwell**

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Same

**Jasmin Beckett**

Thanks!! Keep posting everyone

🕒 17/02/2016 12:00

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**Hannah Olbison**

You can only vote if you're a member and have been sent your unique link by email

🕒 17/02/2016 21:59

**Jasmin Beckett**

It's because it's a unique link

🕒 17/02/2016 21:59

**Hannah Olbison**

I've voted!

🕒 17/02/2016 21:59

**Harry Wright**

Ahh, right! Makes sense, check your email if you are a young fabian member!

🕒 17/02/2016 21:59

**Phillip Alexander Brightmore**

I've voted!

🕒 17/02/2016 21:55

**Rachel Holland**

Sorted

🕒 17/02/2016 21:55

**Alex Cheney**

I've voted too 😊

🕒 17/02/2016 21:55

**Cameron Beavan-King**

Yeah came through about half an hour ago. Voted now

🕒 17/02/2016 21:55

**Megan Corton Scott**

Done!

🕒 17/02/2016 21:55

#TeamJB 74 people

+ New Message



Megan Corton Scott

Done!

17/02/2016 21:31



Andrew Mitchell

Voted for you Jas!

17/02/2016 21:54



Jasmin Beckett

If people want to tweet that you voted for me that'd be grand!!

17/02/2016 22:03



Megan Corton Scott

Sure

17/02/2016 22:06



Jasmin Beckett

I'll RT if yas tweet it at me: @jasmin_beckett

17/02/2016 22:13

Thursday



Alex Graham

Just voted for you, Jas!

18/02/2016 08:50



Robbie Young

Why am i in this group? I'm Team Jelloit?

18/02/2016 09:49



Brad Marshall



18/02/2016 09:51



Jasmin Beckett



18/02/2016 09:54

Melantha Chittenden removed Robbie Young from the conversation.

Thurs



Rachel Holland



18/02/2016 09:56



Eddie Scott

Robbie is being sarcastic right?

18/02/2016 10:51



Josh James

#jelliot4nec

18/02/2016 10:51

Thursday

Jasmin Beckett added Robbie Young.

Thurs



Jasmin Beckett

Missed you bab ❤️

18/02/2016 14:44



Jeevan Jones

Jasmin, I think you added an extra apostrophe to my endorsement!

18/02/2016 14:45

 **Jeevan Jones** 18/02/2016 14:45

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 **Jasmin Beckett** 18/02/2016 14:47

may've been autocorrect

Was going to say make sure you have voted in that fabians poll if you got the email! 😊


 **Robbiie Young** 18/02/2016 16:47

I thought for a second I'd been no platformed by this group

Thursday

 **Stuart Murphy** 18/02/2016 22:01




 **Jasmin Beckett** 18/02/2016 22:10

Never xoxo

 **Miriam Mirwitch** 18/02/2016 23:25



Today

 **Alice McMahon** 10:24

THE TIMES
Friday February 19, 2016

News

group.

An article written by a figure linked to Momentum has attracted controversy, James Elliott, a history student at the University

of Oxford and the candidate backed by Momentum for the youth representative seat on Labour's ruling council, wrote in *Oxford Student* in 2014: "Anti-

semitism is a tired old accusation from Zionists, retreating behind mendacious slurs."

Reports have emerged that sources in the Oxford

University Labour Club have accused Momentum activists of links to allegations of rising antisemitism at the university.

Momentum denied any

 **Alice McMahon** 10:24

^in case anyone hasn't seen this

 **Megan Corton Scott** 10:25


😞😞😞 appalling

 **Jamie Ali** 10:25

Oh my GOD

 **Josh James** 10:25

Fucking hell

 **Adam Nundy** 10:25

Seriously you better bloody well win ...

Write a reply...



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-  **Josh James** 10:27
As someone that is pro-Palestinian I find that kind of thing absolutely abhorrent. Denial of the existence of anti-semitism is horrifying and disgusting.
-  **Mo Ahmed** 10:30
It's disgusting and racist. Sadly I've seen plenty of that as of late.
-  **Josh James** 10:31
Jas you gotta beat this guy.
-  **Liron Velleman** 10:32
It's a disgrace. It's in the times but feel free to share it online. As the Jewish labour movement delegate I find it incredibly upsetting that someone like that can even be on the ballot paper but go ahead and share it and it's absurdity
-  **Alice McMahon** 10:34
I absolutely think it's something we need to make some noise about, obviously it's up to Jas bc it's her campaign but this legitimately makes me feel sick and we cannot let this kind of ideology win
-  **Josh Woolas** 10:41
Yeah I mean I wouldn't share it with a Jas twibbon on my profile pic just in case but everyone else should be. Needs to look like genuine complaint about racism and not a smear campaign!
-  **Liron Velleman** 10:43
Yeah up to jas in terms of how we use it for the campaign. I was just saying from the Jewish community it really hurts and wider than just Jas' election this is something that needs to be fought in the party
-  **Josh Woolas** 10:47
Yeah totally with you on that Liron.
100%
-  **Alex Cheney** 10:54
Totally agree with you Liron.
Here is the full article written by James from 2014. It is seriously grim. 😞
<http://oxfordstudent.com/2014/01/24/israels-defendants-have-questions-to-answer/>
-  **Rachel Holland** 10:54
He basically says that he doesn't care if he gets accused of being anti-Semitic, right? If I've read that correctly

-  **Ciara Hogan** 10:58
People cannot defend him now with the context argument. Taking in, or out, of context is it disgusting
-  **Miriam Mirwitch** 10:58
Can't believe people are blaming the media over this. It's heartbreaking.
-  **Rachel Holland** 10:57
Yeah it's a direct quote, can't blame The Times for that
-  **Jamie Ali** 10:57
How could a club turn a complete blind eye to one of their members writing that in their uni paper?
-  **Josh Woolas** 10:58
Perhaps if they all agreed with what he wrote?
-  **Tom Jennings** 11:02
Let's just get it out there, via members not connected at all to Jasmin. It'll speak for itself and snowball, it's just gotta come from neutral people first.

It's in the public domain anyway so it's hardly a leak or smear
Like, he said it. And published it, and hasn't retracted it? Yet?
So strike while iron is hot
-  **Alex Cheney** 11:04
There is one thing that can be done, again totally down to Jas on this but someone could write a letter of complaint about the comments and conduct to the National Youth Officer dealing with the elections Stephen Donnelly, due to the seriousness of the the quotes they will have to be investigated at the very least...
-  **Thomas Burke** 11:05
Is it too late to submit motions for conference? Because after realising just how systemic and seemingly encouraged anti-Semitism is in our Youth and Student movement I feel as though we need a serious rooting out of this sort of racist behaviour

James should at the very least publish a statement clarifying his stance on Israel and BDS, and apologize for the content of that article he wrote
-  **Miriam Mirwitch** 11:08
That sounds good, Alex - as long as it's okay with Jasmin. Maybe the letter could be sent to Iain McNicol rather than Stephen?

Or both.



Alex Cheney

I think both if it is sent, As Iain could take ages to reply and it is Stephen's job to deal with complaints.

11:09



Miriam Mirwitch



11:10



Tom Jennings

That gives him the platform though

His team will be saying don't fuel it by making a statment

A letter or complaint will give him the mic

11:11



Josh James

I'm going to share it. I'll discuss with my committee in Wales about condemning it.

11:14



Tom Jennings

We've got a huge opportunity for this to come the grassroots of potential his side who will be disgusted by the comments

Thus shaving off votes for him at conference

If you make it formal and official, people won't wanna talk about it online

11:14



Thomas Burke

I think him having to explain it will be more damaging in all honesty, though of course that's not why I'm angry

11:15



Tom Jennings

You gotta think about the impressions and reach though

Every time someone writes a post, gets likes and shares, that goes on the timelines of all our friends of whom some will be delegates

Loads of people sharing and talking about interpreting his comments will create the story of is or isn't he

That halts any policy announcements or positive stories he wants to be getting out

Jasmin can steer clear and reiterate her opposition, whilst James will spend his time convincing his own team to stay on his side

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Alice McMahon

Good point

👤 11:20



Ciara Hogan

Sorry I disagree. I think this goes way beyond the election. Jewish members feel unsafe in their own party, and that is not ok.

👤 11:22



Jamie Ali

I agree

👤 11:22

If it was "I don't mind being labelled a racist/sexist/homophobe"...



Thomas Burke

I absolutely agree Ciara

👤 11:25

I understand the temptation to try to use this to win elections, but this is an issue that we should take to heart and fight for



Alice McMahon

As a Jewish member I would like a complaint lodged but also I think if we don't talk about it, a more casual delegate would not know that he has these views

👤 11:25



Tom Jennings

No-ones denying the severity of his comments, we're all obviously disgusted. I'm all for taking this seriously and the LS investigation will no doubt bring this to the top of the party. But at grassroots we've gotta ensure this guy isn't our bloody NEC rep in a weeks time, and we're fighting on slate politics still. This would make the "I'm left so I've gotta vote for the left candidate" delegates think twice is all I'm saying.

👤 11:26



Hannah Olbison

I don't understand how this is being allowed to happen and that he hasn't faced any action since he wrote it in the first place! They're not Labour values and I find it absolutely appalling

👤 11:27



James Mawdsley

It shows how little people saw this as a non issue in the party and its a much more systemic problem with just a few rouge members holding these views and as Tom said, the fact that people like himself as standing for NEC positions is horrid. Though I can't comment on how we stop him I would argue regardless of what happens at Scarborough someone should Put forward a complaint.

👤 11:33



Tom Jennings

Can all of us write then? I think personally we should all raise it

👤 11:35

Scarborough someone should Put forward a complaint.

-  **Tom Jennings** 11:35
Can all of us write then? I think personally we should all raise it privately through the proper channels and processes. Then it's down to everyone's discretion whether they post something publicly
-  **James Mawdsley** 11:36
I would be more than happy to do that.
-  **Josh Woolas** 11:36
Jasmin is gonna have a lot to read when she gets back!
-  **Harry Wright** 11:36
think it's worth tweeting james and asking for explanation too
-  **Alex Cheney** 11:40
IMO: He won't respond and that only fuels further factionalism and nastiness, which tbh despite how vile this is won't help anyone. Which is why I believe the official channels are probably the best way to go. But that is only my opinion.
-  **Harry Wright** 11:40
I don't think we should even be thinking about factionalism with something as nasty as this.
-  **Alex Cheney** 11:43
Good point.
-  **James Mawdsley** 11:43
Harry all it will achieve by tweeting him would be you promptly getting blocked. I'm sure he knows not to engage on this issue.
-  **Alex Cheney** 11:44
Agreed
-  **Harry Wright** 11:44
If he choses to block me then so be it.
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 11:44
Yes share it. They don't think twice about sharing something when it's about me/us.
-  **Hannah Olbison** 11:44
Yeaaaah, I think antisemitism transcends factionalism here
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 11:45
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-  **Jasmin Beckett** 11:46
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-  **Tom Jennings** 11:48
Exactly
-  **Alex Cheney** 11:50
Very true, what are your feelings about making complaints etc?
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 11:51
Go for it. Think it's appalling behaviour and the fact he could become the next NEC rep is scary.
-  **Josh Woolas** 11:51
See Jasmin this is why we're friends xxx
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 11:51
So wouldn't think twice about tweeting about article and linking it to him
Angers me to be honest.
-  **Thomas Burke** 11:53
The guardian article or the times one?
-  **Megan Corton Scott** 12:09
There's a guardian article? Link?
-  **Alex Cheney** 12:09
Isn't the Guardian one about Oxford Labour Club in general?
-  **Josh Woolas** 12:11
Can someone link the two articles X
-  **Alex Cheney** 12:11
<http://oxfordstudent.com/2014/01/24/israels-defendants-have-questions-to-answer/>
-  **Israel's defendants have questions to answer - The Oxford Student**
I was surprised when I learnt about comments that had been accusi...
oxfordstudent.com
-  **Josh Woolas** 12:13
Yeah read that. The times and guardian ones?
-  **Dan Walsh** 12:13
We need to make sure that one of us asks a question during the q&a after the speeches, something like "what will you do to root out anti-Semitism, in the light of atrocious revelations recently in the press which do major harm to the reputation of young labour?"
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 12:16
- | THE TIMES | News |
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| <p>group.</p> <p>An article written by a figure linked to Momentum has attracted controversy. James Elliott, a history student at the University</p> | <p>of Oxford and the candidate backed by Momentum for the youth representative seat on Labour's ruling council, wrote in Oxford Student in 2014: "Anti-Semitism is a tired old accusation from Zionists, retreating behind mendacious slurs."</p> <p>Reports have emerged that sources in the Oxford</p> |
- University Labour Club have accused Momentum activists of links to allegations of rising antisemitism at the university. Momentum denied any
-  **Alex Cheney** 12:16
That is his article. The times is under paywall and I am not sure about the Guardian



Jasmin Beckett

12:16

It's that screen shot that people are sharing if anyone wants to publicly share/question it! Although if you've got my twibbon on and you want to go hard please take the twibbon off haha



Alice McMahon

12:20

This type of rhetoric is not confined to OULC. Leftwing student leaders have rallied against "any Rothschild" and "Zios" in their Facebook statuses. One of Oxford's online political forums removed members with Jewish sounding surnames from the group. In another group, a member called for Jews to pack their bags and leave the Middle East. One notable far-left student politician said, "I don't like being smeared as antisemitic, but I don't bleed from it either."



Alice McMahon

12:20

http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/feb/18/oxford-student-left-antisemitic-university-antisemitism-jewish-progressive-politics?CMP=soc_3158

The quote at the bottom of the screenshot is him
But it's a more general article



Alex Cheney

12:20

If James removes his article from Oxford Student website here is the print screened version of it all.



Jasmin Beckett

12:30

Thanks pal.



Harry Wright

12:36



-  **Miriam Mirwitch** 12:44
This, apparently, was the context:
-  **Miriam Mirwitch** 12:44
- 

12:32

 **Richard Black**
This article was written in response to me when, as President of the Oxford Israel Society, I called out the Oxford Palestine Society for tolerating antisemitism on its facebook page. They were allowing posts which promoted holocaust denial or depicted classic antisemitic stereotypes of Jews (usually cartoons by the notorious Carlos Latuff).

James Elliott and other members of the university - including editors and contributors at the Oxford Student - treated me as if I was simply making things up. He said, "Anti-Semitism is a tired old accusation from Zionists, retreating behind mendacious slurs when losing the arguments."

This is a central component of 'antisemitism denial' on the Left.

28 moments ago · Like · Comment

Write a comment...

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-  **Thomas Burke** 12:45
Utterly disgraceful
-  **Mo Ahmed** 12:46
Horrfying and disgusting. That makes it even worse.
-  **Miriam Mirwitch** 12:47
Joe Anderson thinks contacting/tweeting at the GMB and Unite to condemn and ask them to withdraw their endorsement of James could be useful? It may be worth a try.
-  **Josh Woolas** 12:47
Good fucking idea!
-  **Mo Ahmed** 12:47
Absolutely agree.
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 12:47
Yep, maybe push GMB first because unite may launch into a protective panic and start working really hard for James
- But if you can get GMB to remove support that'd be amazing
-  **Thomas Burke** 12:48
I'd be careful to just ask them to remove support for James and condemn his actions. Asking them to back Jasmin instead may make it look like we're approaching this from a factionalism stance
-  **Harry Wright** 12:48
Right, so we need a list of places to complain to
GMB, Labour party?
-  **Thomas Burke** 12:48
I know it's a long shot but perhaps Momentum?

-  **Thomas Burke** 12:49
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-  **Harry Wright** 12:50
Momentum don't really have any chains of command or accountability
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 12:50
No momentum won't remove support and similarly to unite they may mobilise if we do this
GMB is best shout
Just get a few people tweeting saying 'shocked my union GMB are supporting James Elliot who is anti-Semitic' or something ??
Then tag GMB in it
-  **Mo Ahmed** 12:51
Complain to the trade unions and ask them to condemn first and secondly withdraw support from J.E.
Then I'd complain to the Labour Party and write a letter to his branch CLP seo-Luke Akehurst told me a while ago that James Elliot's CLP is Hackney
GMB in particular.
-  **Tom Jennings** 12:52
Post the screenshots to GMB in tweets asking if they're still support James in light of this...
-  **Miriam Mirwitch** 12:55
Totally agree, re: GMB and not Unite
-  **Alex Cheney** 12:58
With the complaint to the Party re Stephen and Iain, shall we individually do a formal complaint or co-sign one and get lots of signatures etc.
-  **Harry Wright** 12:58
Individual
If we do a co signed one it will be an organised witch hunt
-  **Alex Cheney** 12:58
Yeah it could
-  **Alice McMahon** 13:01
But also there's a difference between a witch hunt and writing as a group of people who condemn grossly Anti Semitic comments made by someone who could be representing us on the NEC
(but idk I have no experience of making complaints so like yeah)
-  **Mo Ahmed** 13:02
Yep.
As long as it isn't overtly linked to Jasmin it shouldn't be an issue
We're just ordinary members who are appalled and sickened by these comments and would like the party to investigate.
-  **Alex Cheney** 13:04
For anyone who doesn't have Stephen's email and wants to submit a formal complaint it is stephen_donnelly@labour.org.uk
-  **Thomas Burke** 13:08

-  **Thomas Burke** 13:06
Cheers
- Do you know if there's any information we have to include in our complaints, like membership number or CLP?
-  **Alex Cheney** 13:06
No I don't think so, not immediately in the initial email anyway.
-  **Harry Wright** 13:06
Say you're a concerned young membe
- Say you're worried we will have an anti-semite on the NEC and you hope the party will continue to uphold its values of fighting discrimination wherever it occurs.
-  **Daniel T JL** 13:16
If you're going to contact anyone in momentum I'd say to contact Richard Burgon
-  **Harry Wright** 13:16
No point contacting MP's, they can't take any disciplinary action
-  **Josh Woolas** 13:16
John Mann MP is definitely worth contacting
-  **Daniel T JL** 13:16
However the MP can have influence
-  **Harry Wright** 13:20
https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=james+elliott+anti-semitism&biw=1020&bih=1056&source=Int&tbs=odr%3A1%2Cod_min%3A%2Cod_max%3A31%2F07%2F2015&tbm=#tbs=odr:1%2Cod_max:31%2F07%2F2015&q=%22james+elliott%22+anti-semitism
-  **james elliott anti-semitism - Google Search**
google.co.uk
-  **Jasmin Beckett** 13:42
Hey guys, I don't want my campaign to turn into a negative one as we've all worked so hard to keep the campaign positive and primarily for young members.
- My sole aim is to make young Labour a better place for all young members to be and not feel victimised hence my anger at the anti-semitism claims this morning.
- As I say you are all free to share what you wish but can we do it away from this campaign as I'm still wanting to run a positive campaign for members.
- And in light of that I've just put up another endorsement from a lovely young member from the west mids! If you want to give it a like 😊
-  **Tom Jennings** 13:43
Fair point,
-  **Josh Woolas** 13:43
Good call Jas! X
-  **Alex Cheney** 13:44