

## CASE STUDY - SHEFFIELD

Sheffield was chosen as the subject city because of the recent declaration that some councillors intend the city to be the first to recognise Palestine as a state.<sup>1</sup> Beyond this it had no outstanding features that would not be seen in many 'bubble external' communities in the UK. It would have been just as easy to choose Leicester or Stoke or Derby or any number of cities in the UK

There are over thirty mosques in Sheffield.<sup>2</sup> The Madina Mosque has a capacity of 2500.<sup>3</sup> There are about forty churches.<sup>4</sup>

The Jewish community is tiny. There are two synagogues. In September of 2018, 31 members of the synagogue travelled to Manchester to participate in a 'no to antisemitism' rally. The President of the Synagogue stated that this was 20% of the community. Which means they number approximately 155.<sup>5</sup>

There are five Westminster constituencies listed under Sheffield.<sup>6</sup> All five were won by the Labour Party at the last election, although Jarad O'Mara from Sheffield Hallam is now sitting as an Independent.<sup>7</sup> Apart from Hallam, which is considered a marginal, all the seats have large Labour majorities.

Clive Betts (Sheffield South East), Paul Bromfield (Sheffield Central) and Louise Haigh (Sheffield Heeley) are currently members of 'Labour Friends of Palestine'.<sup>8</sup>

Jarad O'Mara is also highly active on matters Israel, having hosted meetings with Hamas linked groups such as the Palestine Return Centre.<sup>9</sup> In the last 15 months, the only international issue that Jarad O'Mara felt required to make a statement on via his website, was to 'stand in support of Palestine'. No other international issue was deemed worthy of mention.<sup>10</sup>

Sheffield City Council is also under Labour Party control. It consists of 84 councillors, elected to represent 28 wards. 49 of those councillors are from the Labour Party.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/news/politics/sheffield-council-wants-to-be-first-to-recognise-palestine-as-a-state-419511>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mosques.muslimsinbritain.org/maps.php#/town/Sheffield>

<sup>3</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madina\\_Mosque\\_\(Sheffield\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madina_Mosque_(Sheffield))

<sup>4</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Churches\\_in\\_Sheffield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Churches_in_Sheffield)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.theus.org.uk/article/sheffield-says-no-antisemitism>

<sup>6</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Parliamentary\\_constituencies\\_in\\_Sheffield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Parliamentary_constituencies_in_Sheffield)

<sup>7</sup> O'Mara was suspended over homophobic and misogynistic posts he had shared. Upon reinstatement he resigned <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/jul/12/jared-omara-quits-labour-saying-he-was-made-to-feel-like-a-criminal>

<sup>8</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labour\\_Friends\\_of\\_Palestine\\_%26\\_the\\_Middle\\_East](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labour_Friends_of_Palestine_%26_the_Middle_East)

<sup>9</sup> <https://prc.org.uk/en/post/3765/prc-briefs-labour-mp-jared-o-mara> for more on the PRC see [https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/palestinian\\_return\\_centre\\_prc/](https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/palestinian_return_centre_prc/) The PRC also hosted the events that saw Kaufman talk about 'Jewish money' and the event that led to Jenny Tonge's resignation. See <http://david-collier.com/jewish-money-an-evening-with-the-prc-kaufman-and-classic-antisemitic-labels/> and <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/shameful-house-of-lords-event-condemned-after-audience-blames-jews-for-holocaust-1.54295>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.jaredomara.co.uk/recentactivity/2018/5/15/jared-stands-in-support-of-palestine>

<sup>11</sup> Including the six Labour and Co-op Councillors  
<http://democracy.sheffield.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

It has two university populations. The University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam.<sup>12</sup> Both Universities have Palestine Societies.<sup>13</sup> They have key activists on campus, such as PhD student Shahd Abusalama, a contributor to outlets such as Electronic Intifada.<sup>14</sup> The Palestine Solidarity Campaign have an active branch in Sheffield.<sup>15</sup>

Sheffield Labour 'Friends of Palestine' had their inaugural meeting in October 2015, shortly after Jeremy Corbyn became LOTO.<sup>16</sup> There are other groups: Sheffield Palestine Women's Scholarship Fund. Their bank account was closed by the Co-op in 2015.<sup>17</sup> Cinema Palestino is also based in Sheffield.<sup>18</sup>

Cinema Palestino appears to have evolved through the combined efforts of the Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign, a group called the Yorkshire Palestine Cultural Exchange and a local Independent cinema, Showroom Cinema.<sup>19</sup> The first 'Cinema Palestino' was held in 2009.<sup>20</sup>

The Yorkshire Palestine Cultural Exchange is a group that received lottery funding.<sup>21</sup> Today Cinema Palestino is managed by Anandi Ramamurthy, Reader in Post-Colonial Cultures and Senior Lecturer in Media at Sheffield Hallam University.



The other member of the management team is PhD student and activist Shahd Abusalama.<sup>22</sup>

#### TEAM MEMBERS



<sup>12</sup> <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/> and <https://www.shu.ac.uk/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/ShuPalsoc/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Sheffieldpalsoc/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://electronicintifada.net/people/shahd-abusalama> and Al-Jazeera

<https://www.aljazeera.com/profile/shahd-abusalama.html>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/>

<sup>16</sup> LOTO – Leader of the opposition. See event page <https://alt-sheff.co.uk/events/4264/>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Press-release-24-November-2015.pdf>

<sup>18</sup> [http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?tribe\\_events=cinema-palestino-2018](http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?tribe_events=cinema-palestino-2018)

<sup>19</sup> See Sheffield PSC website [http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?page\\_id=43](http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?page_id=43)

<sup>20</sup> <http://gazasolidarity.blogspot.com/2009/05/cinema-palestino-sheffield-7th-may-to.html>

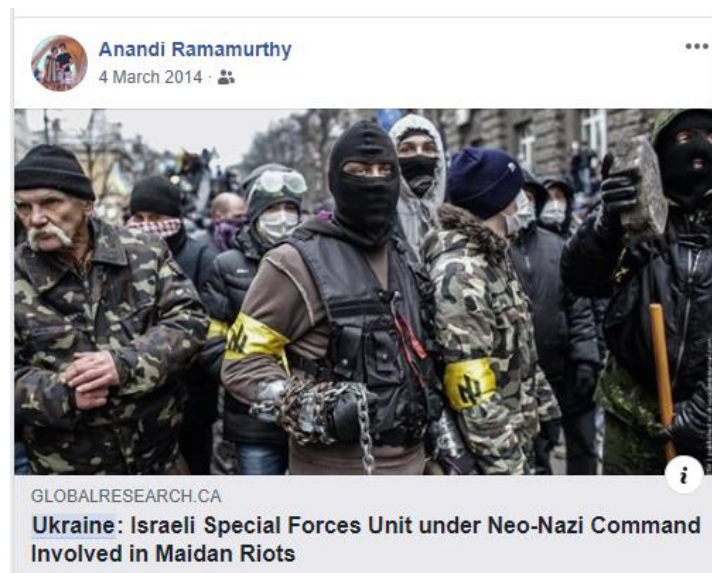
<sup>21</sup> <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/our-work/yorkshire-palestine-cultural-exchange>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CinemaPalestino/about/>

The good Dr Ramamurthy pushes Antisemitic conspiracy theory, sharing posts from those like Gilad Atzmon.<sup>23</sup>



And antisemitic conspiracy websites like 'globalresearch.ca':<sup>24</sup>



<sup>23</sup> Atzmon has long been recognised, even by anti-Israel activists as an antisemite. The Atzmon link is here <https://gilad.online/writings/a-slip-of-the-tongue-by-a-former-mossad-agent-about-the-lond.html> although the YouTube video has gone as the account was terminated. It was a conspiracy video that linked Mossad to the 7/7 bombings. Atzmon's piece also contains a link to this article that blames Israel for Lockerbie <https://maidhocathail.wordpress.com/2009/09/24/deception-over-lockerbie/>

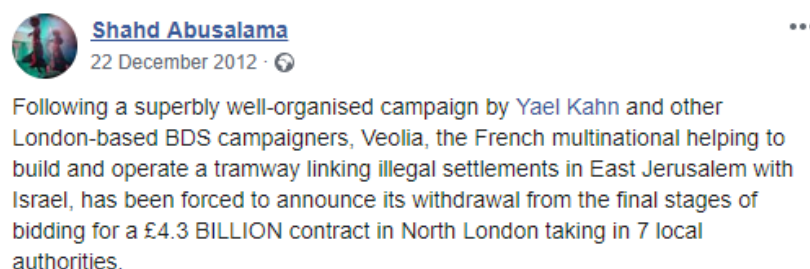
<sup>24</sup> <https://www.globalresearch.ca/ukraine-israeli-special-forces-unit-under-neo-nazi-command-involved-in-maidan-riots> The truth here seems to be that a Ukrainian born Israeli had returned to Ukraine to help fight in his former homeland. He was not alone. A few Ukrainian born Israelis had joined him. See original source <https://www.jta.org/2014/02/28/global/in-kiev-an-israeli-militia-commander-fights-in-the-streets-and-saves-lives> This gets translated by the conspiracy website as an official 'special forces unit'. This is modern academia. The University Dr doesn't use the original source, even though it is referenced in the conspiracy article, she only uses the conspiracy website. For more on globalresearch see <https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Globalresearch>

Her timeline is an endless stream of propaganda articles, from a mix of serious, semi-serious and highly dubious sources.<sup>25</sup> Like most academic activists' truth does not seem to matter. All that seems to be important is the projection of a distorted message:



As anyone who knows the history of the conflict would be aware, the team in Australia was Maccabi Tel Aviv.<sup>26</sup> At the time of this football match, rather than 'existing together', Arabs were rioting in the streets in protest against Jewish immigration and land purchases.<sup>27</sup> But hey, in today's academic world, any old rubbish works. Anandi is connected via Facebook to the hierarchy of both War on Want and the Stop the War Coalition.<sup>28</sup>

Alongside Anandi at Café Palestino is Shahd Abusalama. Shahd is originally from Gaza and was an activist long before she arrived to undertake her master's at SOAS or began her PhD in Sheffield.<sup>29</sup>



<sup>25</sup> Anandi has a liking for fake-news propaganda websites like electronic intifada.

<sup>26</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1938%E2%80%931939\\_in\\_Mandatory\\_Palestine\\_football](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1938%E2%80%931939_in_Mandatory_Palestine_football)

<sup>27</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1936%E2%80%931939\\_Arab\\_revolt\\_in\\_Palestine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1936%E2%80%931939_Arab_revolt_in_Palestine)

<sup>28</sup> Friends like Asad Rehman (War on Want) and Lindsey German (Stop the War)

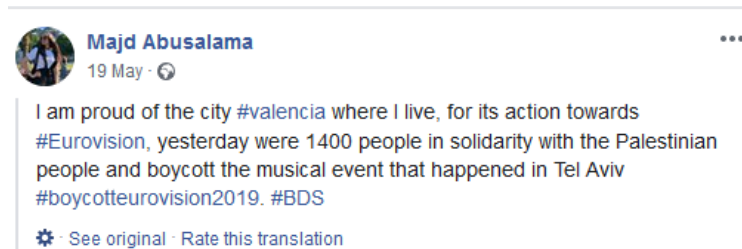
<sup>29</sup>

There is an unaddressed issue with these activists who come to study here. These students are all financed and from the moment they arrive they do little but sow additional discord in the community.<sup>30</sup> Shahd has spread some hard-core antisemitism:<sup>31</sup> Along with things like this:



Who looks at a hard-core activist like this in Gaza and thinks 'let's give her a student visa – we need her in this country'?

The Abusalama family are activists throughout Europe. Sister Majd Abusalama is in Valencia:



Brother Majed is in Germany:



And another sister, Tamam, who was also blogging in 2012, is now in Brussels:



#### About Tamam Abusalama

Tamam Abusalama is a Palestinian blogger and journalism student pursuing her M.A. in Communication Studies with a focus on New Media and Society in Europe at Vrije University in Brussels. She's originally from Beit Jirja-Palestine. She blogs at : <http://palestineistamam.wordpress.com/> and tweets at @TamamAbusalama

<sup>30</sup> <http://david-collier.com/planned-palestinian-invasion-university/>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/singer-behind-anti-israel-madonna-parody-shared-antisemitic-video-about-zionist-jews-1.484147>



The Palestine Solidarity Campaign strategically ensures it always operates inside cities with a large university. This acts as a recruitment tool, allowing them to spread their disinformation campaigns on campus via a proxy. They invest in collaboration to build stronger ties and to embed anti-Israel activism on campus.<sup>32</sup>



This is an image from the Palestine Day of Action Protest Sheffield. Notice many of the signs are carrying the PSC logo:<sup>33</sup>



The event above saw collaboration with several other societies on campus:



<sup>32</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/363684907601895/>

<sup>33</sup> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/ShuPalsoc/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=794367474259147](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ShuPalsoc/photos/?tab=album&album_id=794367474259147)

At Hallam, there is also something called the 'Palestine Education Network' (PEN). Dr Peter E Jones, Department of Humanities, Dr Susan Walsh, Department of Allied Health Professions and Dr Anne Hollows, Department of Social Work, Social Care and Community Studies are all associated with the group.<sup>34</sup> It holds events on campus with speakers such as Ben White.<sup>35</sup>

The research was unable to fathom precisely what the role of PEN within the Hallam campus is, although it appears it provided funding to the Sheffield Women's Scholarship Fund.<sup>36</sup> This needs further investigation.

Hallam seems to be quite the campus. Earlier this year a Professor who suggested allegations of antisemitism in the Labour party 'were being used as a weapon', quit following publication of his fondness for conspiracy theories.<sup>37</sup>

For Jews studying in Sheffield is a bit different. At the University of Sheffield, Gabe Milne, president of the Jewish Society at Sheffield University, said earlier this year that:<sup>38</sup>

*'We have to keep the locations of our events secret and run security screenings on all attendees to those events as we've received credible threats over the last six months. This is in addition to a huge amount of abusive messages on social media.'*

There are not that many Jewish students who still make it to Sheffield. Because of the low numbers, the two campuses operate a united Jewish Society.<sup>39</sup> But then Sheffield Hallam has history.

#### **When hard-core attitudes have a real-world effect. A short story:**

In June 2014, a disabled Jewish student raised concerns of anti-Semitism with the Student's Union. It was with regards to the social media activity of the university Palestinian Society. The student union dismissed the complaint after six months. In May 2015, the student submitted a formal complaint to the university. Reaffirming his original position and complained about additional unacceptable behaviour that had occurred since.

The University arranged for the complaint to be considered by the University Secretary and Registrar. That meeting took place in October 2015. The complaint was dismissed by the Secretary and Registrar in February of 2016.

The student turned to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (OIA).<sup>40</sup> Their findings found that the student complaint was in part justified and awarded him £3000, which the university paid.<sup>41 42</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> <http://right2edu.birzeit.edu/declaration-of-support-from-sheffield-hallam-university/>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.evensi.uk/page/sheffield-palestine-education-network/10011353374>

<sup>36</sup> [http://www.sheffielddpsc.org.uk/?page\\_id=157](http://www.sheffielddpsc.org.uk/?page_id=157)

<sup>37</sup> <http://forgetoday.com/2019/04/17/sheffield-university-professor-piers-robinson-syria-war-assad-conspiracy-chris-williamson-anti-semitism/>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/jewish-students-antisemitism-university-societies-holocaust-denial-a8814841.html>

<sup>39</sup> <https://www.ujs.org.uk/sheffield>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.oiahe.org.uk/>

<sup>41</sup> There is an academic article written by Lesley Klaff, a Senior Lecturer in Law, that looks more closely at this case <http://intjewishlawyers.org/justice/no59/#18>

<sup>42</sup> <https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/universitys-pay-3000-for-failure-to-tackle-anti-semitism/>

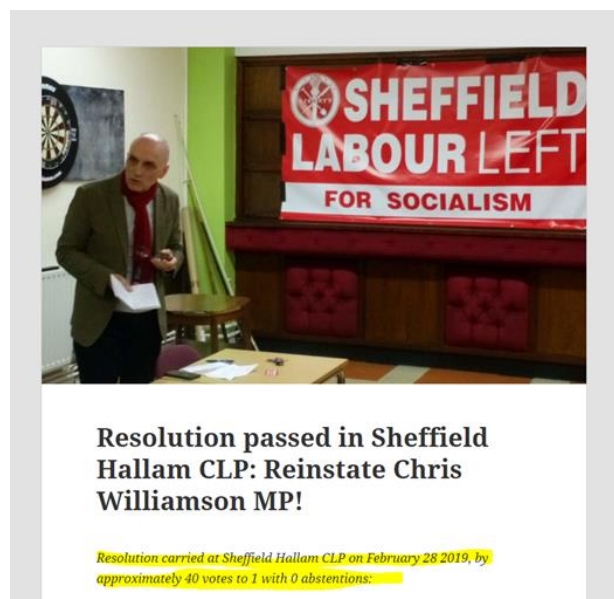
Key aspects of the findings included that the university had too quickly dismissed the student's complaint as conflating criticism of Israel with antisemitism and neglected to address the student's claim of feeling intimidated and unable to freely express his Jewish identity.

The OIA also stated they did not feel the university gave enough consideration to the element of harassment that the student claimed he felt and stated that the IHRA definition was more nuanced than the university had suggested. The university did not consider whether a hostile environment had been created for the student.<sup>43</sup>

The chief administrator at the time was Liz Winders:<sup>44</sup> According to the University, Liz was 'executive lead' for diversity and equality and 'is an active champion of diversity and inclusiveness'.<sup>45</sup>

 **Secretary and Registrar**  
Sheffield Hallam University  
July 2004 – December 2016 • 12 years 6 months  
Sheffield, United Kingdom

Today Liz Winders is reported to be Chair of Sheffield Hallam CLP.<sup>46</sup> Sheffield Hallam recently passed a 'reinstate Chris Williamson' resolution by 40 votes to 1:



<sup>43</sup> The information in this research comes from the OIA Complaint Outcome, published Oct 2016

<sup>44</sup> <https://uk.linkedin.com/in/liz-winders-09a4489a>

<sup>45</sup> [https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/medicine/athena-swan/news/womenattuosevent\\_steppingupbuildingandenjoyingyourcareerandrole-1.698771](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/medicine/athena-swan/news/womenattuosevent_steppingupbuildingandenjoyingyourcareerandrole-1.698771)

<sup>46</sup> In the article on the reinstatement vote, Winders is listed as Chair of Hallam.

<https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/lib-dem-sheffield-hallam-candidate-condemns-support-for-suspended-labour-mp-92413> Hallam CLP has several branches, the only branch listing her in an official position is Crookes and Crosspool which has her listed as Secretary <https://labourhallam.org.uk/crookes-crosspool-branch/>



It seems Winders carried her apparent inability to recognise antisemitism and appreciate how Jewish people are affected by it, from the University into the Labour Party. This also brings into question whether the OIA were right to dismiss the claim of university bias.

Crookes and Crosspool, the Hallam Branch that lists Winders as Secretary, affiliated with Jewish Voice for Labour:<sup>47</sup>

### **Motion to affiliate to Jewish Voice for Labour (JVL)**

This CLP, noting that Jewish Voice for Labour (JVL), launched at the Labour Party conference in September 2017:

- stands for rights and justice for Jewish people everywhere, and against wrongs and injustice to Palestinians and other oppressed people anywhere
- takes inspiration from the long history of Jewish involvement in the trade-union movement and in antiracist and antifascist struggles, including the anti-apartheid and civil-rights movements, and aims to strengthen the labour movement in its opposition to all forms of racism including antisemitism, broadening the movement's appeal to all sections of British society;
- aims to contribute to making the Labour Party an open, democratic and inclusive party, encouraging all ethnic groups and cultures to join and participate freely;
- resolves to affiliate to Jewish Voice for Labour.

*Adopted by Crookes and Crosspool Labour Party branch and then Hallam CLP*

Sheffield's population seem to have a soft spot for those who stand accused of antisemitism. Activists from 'Labour Against the Witchhunt' have held meetings in the city.<sup>48 49</sup>

### **Sheffield LAW 'Justice4Marc' meeting**



<sup>47</sup> <http://www.sheffieldlabourleft.org/uncategorized/motion-to-affiliate-to-jewish-voice-for-labour-jvl/>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.labouragainstthewitchhunt.org/campaigns/sheffield-justice4marc-meeting/>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/dina-venue/the-lynching-jackie-walkers-solo-show-in-sheffield/1985127125092488/>



Jacqueline Walker

24 November 2017 · Sheffield ·

Last night playing **The Lynching in Sheffield** (more later) I was given this lovely necklace, made by someone in the audience specially by her for me) .... looks great, thank you xx so much

And the Sheffield Labour Left, Chris Williamson event:<sup>50</sup>



organising the Labour left

PAGES

## Urgent press release, November 7 2018

**Tomorrow: Despite anonymous threats, public meeting with Chris Williamson MP in Sheffield to go ahead**

URGENT PRESS RELEASE

This is 'witchhunt' heartland. Is it any surprise that it was in Sheffield, that Williamson made the comments about Labour being 'too apologetic' over accusations of antisemitism?<sup>51</sup>

**This is not opposition to the Labour Party. This is Jeremy Corbyn supporters doing what key personnel have told them to do. Relay the message that this is a smear campaign.**

This is a common site on the streets of Sheffield. Both from the last two months:<sup>52 53</sup>



<sup>50</sup> <http://www.sheffieldlabourleft.org/uncategorized/urgent-press-release-november-7-2018/>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/chris-williamson-labour-mp-antisemitism-video-jeremy-corbyn-momentum-a8798581.html>

<sup>52</sup>

<https://www.facebook.com/900614426641337/photos/a.2238149656221134/2238152252887541/?type=3&theater>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?p=1971>

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY

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Labour Friends of Palestine have organised a photographic in Sheffield's Winter Gardens. It started today 8th July, and is on for a week. Please try to see it.

More from June and July 2019:<sup>54</sup> <sup>55</sup>

start the fun run.



Solidarity on the way to tea and cake



<sup>54</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?p=1960>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?p=1951>

A couple of examples from May 2019:<sup>56 57</sup>

## RALLY – 71 YEARS SINCE NAQBA

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On Saturday 18th of May there was a rally outside Sheffield townhall to commemorate 71 years since the Nakba.

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## MUSHEIR EL FARRA CHAIR SHEFFIELD PSC

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The last example wasn't an explicit anti-Israeli action. It was the May Day Rally. It was addressed by the local PSC head Musheir El Farra. Apparently, he brought a 'solidarity message from unions in Palestine'. And his message that 'resistance to oppression and solidarity with the oppressed are not antisemitic went down well'.

<sup>56</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?p=1945>

<sup>57</sup> <http://www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?p=1939>

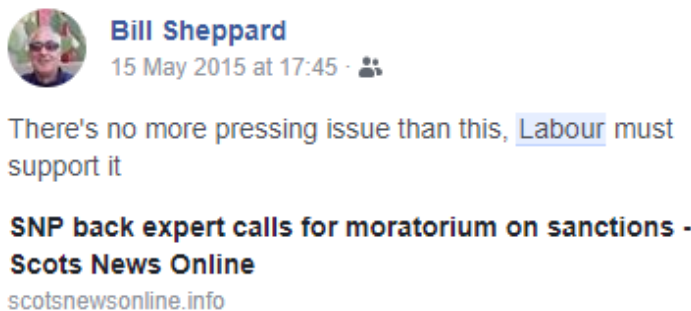


When we bring all this together, what we see is the very environment that creates the 'second template' within the Labour Party membership. An obsession with Israel, a denial of antisemitism, the distortion of the meaning of Zionism, the affiliation with the 'good Jews', and immersion into Palestinian Solidarity Campaign territory, that brings with it a rejection of mainstream media and an addiction to junk conspiracy websites such as Electronic Intifada.

From here and with these people steering the ship, the lines become so blurred, that even when looking at the hard-core hatred inside the Palestine Live report, they won't see antisemitism anymore.

### An example of template two in Sheffield:

Bill Sheppard voted for them in the Spring 2015 election.<sup>58</sup>



Although his FB was active in 2014, he publicly posted little or nothing about Israel and Gaza:



<sup>58</sup> Does not seem to have been an avid supporter, but explicitly said he voted Labour in post on FB May 15. He is part of Marxist groups, so naturally aligns with Corbyn's camp, but the same conditions still apply.



Supports Corbyn:

 **Bill Sheppard**  
19 December 2018 at 17:31 · 🌐

I'm torn between supporting **Corbyn** on Brexit (on grounds he's our Leader and must be supported against all those bastards trying to destroy him) and saying he should just come out for Remain. A second...


  Chris Bright, Rob Coppillie and 5 others 74 comments

Member- Sheffield Hallam:

 **Bill Sheppard**  
1 August 2016 at 11:05 · Sheffield · 👥


I'm a **member** of a local Labour Party (Sheffield Hallam) where I support the Labour Leader while the majority of **members** around my age don't seem to. I never thought I'd be in such a position, not in a...

There is the growing obsession / fixation. In late 2015, he posted two articles related to Israel. In 2016 seventeen, by 2018 it was forty:


 **Bill Sheppard**  
21 July at 20:08 · 🌐

Bill Sheppard


**Algerian team chant viva **Palestine** after winning Africa Cup of Nations**  
ppost24.com



Publicly rejects mainstream media:

 **Bill Sheppard**  
14 December 2016 at 10:06 · 👥

I just can't watch the news over Syria, it's nothing but anti-Assad propaganda.

 Dave Hill, Jack Dunn and 4 others 4 comments

Adopts the good Jew / bad Jew defence:

 **Bill Sheppard**  
21 July at 21:50 · 🌐

Bill Sheppard

**Meet Jeremy Corbyn's devoted Jewish defender:  
Jenny Manson**  
[www.thejc.com](http://www.thejc.com)



2 comments

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And then there is movement into antisemitism:<sup>59</sup>

 **Bill Sheppard** ▶ **Marxist Analysis and Policy (MAP)**  
14 August 2018 at 10:22 · 🌐


There's only so much history the right-wing in the Labour Party can deny

**Zionism and the Third Reich**  
[www.ihr.org](http://www.ihr.org)




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Seen by 84

 **Bill Sheppard** ⋮  
2 May 2016 · Sheffield · 👤

It's hard to think **strategists inside the Israeli Embassy** in London think the Blairites will actually succeed in replacing Corbyn but then they're not interested in that. **They want to increase their influence over the PLP,** acting as a **permanent destabilising force.** After all, stunts like the John Mann Rant can be good publicity but can also provoke a backlash. And similarly with

 **Bill Sheppard** ▶ **Marxist Analysis and Policy (MAP)** ⋮  
14 August 2018 · 🌐

Netanyahu publicly joining the fray against Corbyn - over the nonsense of the Tunis wreaths - **is a signal that Mossad are drawing up plans to assassinate him.** This is how Likud and its forebears - including Netanyahu's dad - have always operated. But the backlash will be incredible. **They must be being told by the US and UK security services (which are now essentially the same thing) that'd be a serious mistake.** Instead the whole ruling class strategy must be based on trying to ensure any Corbyn Government will be an economic catastrophe.

<sup>59</sup> The Institute for Historical Review is 'best known best known for publishing articles and books promoting Holocaust denial' [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institute\\_for\\_Historical\\_Review](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institute_for_Historical_Review) The Link is to an article by Mark Weber see article here [http://www.ihr.org/jhr/v13/v13n4p29\\_Weber.html](http://www.ihr.org/jhr/v13/v13n4p29_Weber.html) The website has been seen as a leading voice in a leading voice 'in the international movement to deny the Holocaust and vindicate Hitler and the Nazi regime'. See [https://web.archive.org/web/20121122173730/http://www.adl.org/learn/ext\\_us/historical\\_review.asp](https://web.archive.org/web/20121122173730/http://www.adl.org/learn/ext_us/historical_review.asp)

Sheffield's Bay Whittaker sums it up:<sup>60</sup>

 **Bay Whittaker** ▶ **The Labour Party Forum**  
26 December 2016 at 12:37 · 🌐

It seems to me that nobody much talked about Israel and Palestine for many years in the UK. And now we hear a lot about this difficult issue. Does anybody share this perception? Any thoughts on why thi...

11 comments

But by April 2019, she is sharing Ken Livingstone and LAW posts:

 **Bay Whittaker**  
21 December 2018 at 19:50 · 🌐

**Labour Against the Witchhunt's post**  
An important victory in the fight against the highly politicised...



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 **Bay Whittaker**  
3 April at 16:50 · 🌐

**Ken Livingstone's post**  
Please share to counter media lies ↓ Ken Livingstone : The...



One final example from Sheffield. Tim Longson:

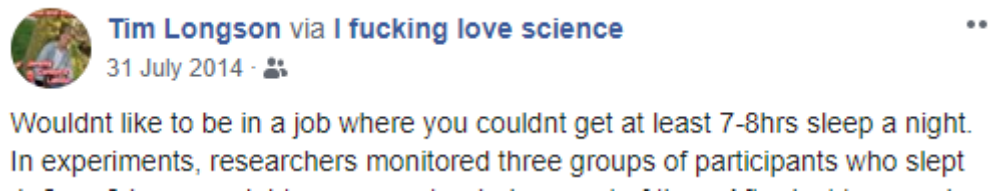
 **Tim Longson** is with Sam Browse.  
27 July at 21:26 · 🌐

#TimLongson helping Labour support Sheffield's Gay / LGBT+ pride today! I had THE most controversial banner (slightly out of shot on the far left) - it read "Bottom Boys against Boris - VOTE LABOUR!" It's funny



<sup>60</sup> There was no evidence that Bay Whittaker shared antisemitic posts as they would be defined by this research. It is suggested that this is a process of radicalisation that is occurring and those existing within the environment will be affected to varying degrees or at different stages of the process.

Tim Longson had an active profile in 2014:



But shared nothing publicly about Israel or Gaza:



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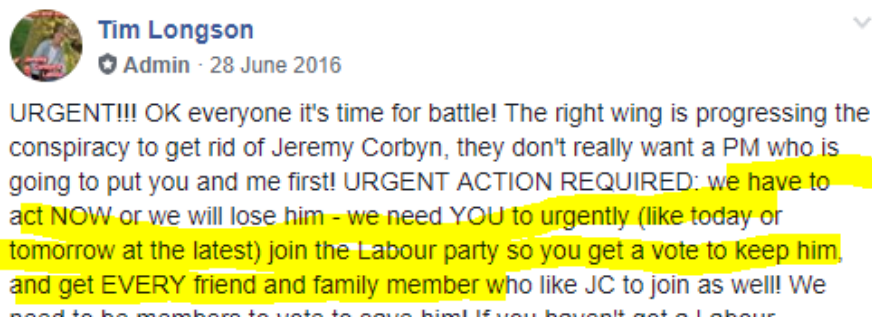
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Identified with Corbyn:



Is either a member of a screaming hypocrite.




Then he starts posting on Israel. A relatively pro-Israel post in the Daily Mail that he uses to push his own political agenda:

 **Tim Longson**  
10 March 2016 at 05:22 · 🌐


THIS is why we need laser defences to knock out missiles in flight!

**Iran fires two missiles marked with 'Israel must be wiped out'**

[www.dailymail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk)




Suddenly Israel is a topic he wants to talk about:

 **Tim Longson**  
12 May 2016 at 20:56 · 🌐


How long can this be allowed to go on???

**Institute for Middle East Understanding ( IMEU )'s post**

75% of Palestinian children interviewed reported enduring...



Finds the good Jew / bad Jew umbrella:

 **Tim Longson**  
24 March · 🌐

Please share widely. YouTube URL is <https://youtu.be/19bZipdL5Tk> so your contacts who are not on Facebook can watch too.

Speakers confirmed:

- Ken Livingstone
- Jackie Walker
- Graham Bash (Jewish Voice for Labour & Labour Representation Committee, personal capacity)

This meeting is a response to the attacks against those on the left who have supported the Corbyn revolution in the Labour Party. We are Jewish and non-Jewish. We are black and we are white and we will not stand silent

Rejects mainstream media:

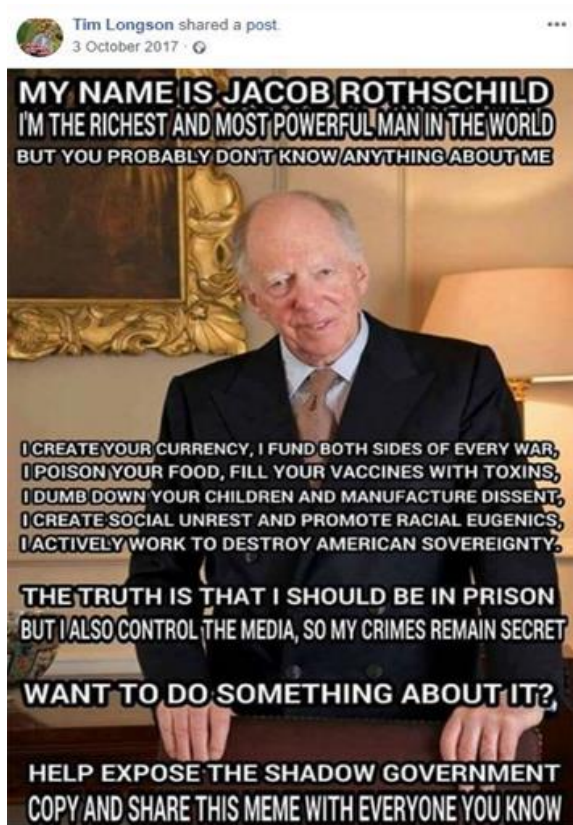
 **Tim Longson**  
13 December 2018 at 01:29 · 🌐

...& vote them out in favour of the left! **Uneducated people / those who rely on mainstream media for "facts" about what's going on, are easy to divide & conquer because of fears deliberately placed in their...**





And out pours the Antisemitism:<sup>61</sup>



<sup>61</sup> The Rothschild post is self-explanatory. The US Marine is antisemitic conspiracy theorist Ken O'Keefe. Like many of the fake news sites neonnettle seems to have a problem with anyone who is not white <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/neon-nettle/> Collectivelyconscious.net was a fake-news conspiracy website <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/collectively-conscious/>

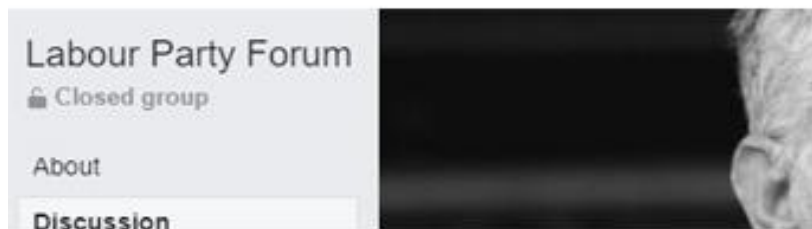
Tim Longson allows us to come full circle. He is a PhD Doctorate Researcher at the University of Sheffield:



And an Admin of several key Labour / Jeremy Corbyn Facebook groups. The ones ethnically cleansing the Jewish voice and creating an ever-more extremist bubble around the members:<sup>62</sup>



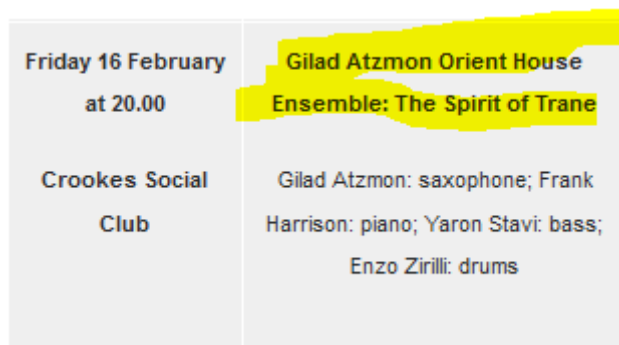
**Timothy Longson**  
Admin  
New Mills school



**Tim Longson**  
Admin  
View 5 recent posts  
PhD Doctorate Researcher at University of Sheffield, UK

<sup>62</sup> Longson is clearly running two separate accounts. He identifies in both as a PhD researcher at Sheffield. The groups here are Trust and Support <https://www.facebook.com/groups/we.love.trust.and.support.jeremy.corbyns.labour> and the Labour Party Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LabourPartyForum/> with a combined membership of 42000.

What should also be appreciated is that the people pushing these attitudes are out there in the real world, Jewish people are already suffering for it and antisemitism is becoming ingrained within our systems. Take the Gilad Atzmon bookings at a local Sheffield Jazz Club:<sup>63</sup>



The club has booked Atzmon regularly and didn't shrink in the face of growing acknowledgement of Atzmon's antisemitism and the fact he politicises his gigs, uses them as platforms to sell his books and spread his hatred.

In fact, the venue played on it, advertising Atzmon as '*re-defining of his own roots in the light of his emerging political awareness*'.<sup>64</sup>

What they meant to say was this:



The Jewish people who did go to the club and did try to make a complaint are no longer welcome.<sup>65</sup>

Elsewhere in the city, each year, Sheffield celebrates a 'Festival of Debate'. It is a festival that lasts for several weeks and provides many deep and relevant discussions, debates and speeches.<sup>66</sup>

Never one to miss an opportunity, the anti-Israel network, arranged several events to push their 'narrative', including the play 'My Name is Rachel Corrie'. A clever piece of propaganda dressed up as a memorial for a naïve American girl who died a tragic death in Gaza whilst working with the International Solidarity Movement.<sup>67</sup> After each performance there would be a panel discussion.<sup>68</sup>

<sup>63</sup> <http://www.sheffieldjazz.org.uk/about-us/previous-gigs/>

<sup>64</sup> <https://twitter.com/NudderingNudnik/status/937014196276953088?s=20>

<sup>65</sup> In discussion with Jewish Sheffield resident, 29/7/2019

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.festivalofdebate.com/about>

<sup>67</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel\\_Corrie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rachel_Corrie)

<sup>68</sup> See festival programme 2019 <https://www.festivalofdebate.com/archive>

It wasn't the only event touching on the subject of Israel. A member of the public complained. She pointed out that if 'debate' was the aim, then repetitive messaging reinforced by a panel that all agree with each other, hardly fits the bill. The event organisers agreed and decided to cancel that after-play discussion.<sup>69</sup>

During the discussions before cancellation, the event organisers had suggested to the team that they engage an Israeli voice to provide balance. In return the Rachel Corrie production team named Ronnie Barkan, an Israeli, anti-Israel activist who agrees with their views.<sup>70</sup>

The panel went ahead without the organisers permission. The production team apparently just ignored them. After the event, there were apologies from the organisers.<sup>71</sup> This is the 'editorial mistake' excuse that newspapers use. But the damage was done.

Those that put-on shows like Rachel Corrie have no interest in balance. These are propaganda instruments to convert people through clever messaging. This naivety by people like these festival organisers that everyone wants to play fair is often abused by propagandists. As with the investigation into the antisemitism in Sheffield Hallam, institutional bias is downplayed or ignored.

This is not opposition to the Labour Party. This is Jeremy Corbyn supporters doing what key personnel have told them to do. Relay the message that this is a smear campaign. It is Corbyn supporters doing what the anti-Zionist movement has always done, sending out a distorted narrative and closing down all opportunity for either opposition or debate.

Which results in Sheffield, like many cities with small or non-existent Jewish populations, becoming a hostile environment for Jewish people and those that will defend them.

This is Sheffield Councillors Abdul Khayum and Talib Hussain celebrating Pakistani Independence:<sup>72</sup>



<sup>69</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/sheffield-festival-of-debate-my-name-is-rachel-corrie-panel-israel-palestine-1.483895>

<sup>70</sup> Ronnie Barkan was a member of Palestine Live and a founder of the 'Boycott from Within' movement. Barkan has had some of his actions described as antisemitic by German Intelligence agencies. See <http://www.thetower.org/6603-third-german-intelligence-agency-finds-anti-israel-boycott-campaign-to-be-anti-semitic/>

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.festivalofdebate.com/blog/2019/5/7/rachel-corrie>

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.burngreavemessenger.org/blog/2017/10/pakistan-independence-celebrations/>



Sheffield has a relatively large Pakistani population.<sup>73</sup> Khayum and Hussain may have Pakistani heritage, and this is something to be proud of and celebrate. I wish them only well. But why is the Pakistani flag welcome in Sheffield and the Israeli flag not?

Since 2007 Pakistani forces have been responsible for at least 10x as many casualties as Israel. Has anyone heard of 'Operation Zarb-e-Azb'? It occurred in 2014. It internally displaced a million people.<sup>74</sup>

There is no Amnesty camera crew on the ground analysing every single drone strike and sharing the images of dead children on social media. They know, that unlike in Israel, there would be little or no protection for them. It is too dangerous. Nobody knows how many civilians have died. They are not talking about it in Sheffield. There were no marches or demonstrations over this.

Sheffield Hallam has an active Pakistan Society.<sup>75</sup> Those with Pakistani heritage can rightfully celebrate freely on campus. There are no protests against them:



The Amnesty report into Pakistan notes that:<sup>76</sup>

'The crackdown on freedom of expression intensified. The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 was used to intimidate, harass and arbitrarily detain human rights defenders for online comments. Enforced disappearances were widespread; impunity was prevalent. Blasphemy-related violence claimed the life of a student, triggering rare condemnation from the government. Large demonstrations took place in support of blasphemy laws, which were used to convict people expressing opinions online. Journalists were attacked by unidentified assailants. Minorities continued to face discrimination in the enjoyment of economic and social rights. Attempts to restrict child marriage were blocked by Parliament. Killings of women continued in so-called "honour" crimes, continues.'

There is an unacceptable double standard at work here that blatantly discriminates against Jewish students. Why can everyone wave their flag but the Jews?

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<sup>73</sup> <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/population-in-sheffield>

<sup>74</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Zarb-e-Azb](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Zarb-e-Azb)

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/SHSUPakistan/>

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.amnesty.org/en/countries/asia-and-the-pacific/pakistan/>



Which brings us to the recent declaration by Sheffield Councillors that they intend to be the first UK Council to 'recognise Palestine'.<sup>77</sup>



They even brought a JVL Jewish 'representative' to 'kosher' it.<sup>78</sup> Apparently, Sheffield Council have nothing better to do with their time.<sup>79</sup>

There is no group tagged photo, so it is impossible to know who was there, but someone did tag Kaltun Elmi into a post on the ceremony. Kaltun also posted on that event. Here is Kaltun live on FB at another Labour Friends of Palestine event in Sheffield this month:

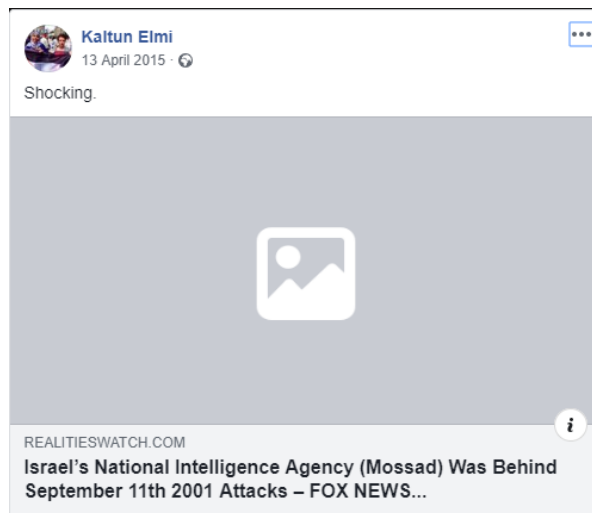


<sup>77</sup> <https://web.sheffieldlive.org/sheffield-plan-to-recognised-palestinian-statehood/>

<sup>78</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/900614426641337/videos/361673124543124/>

<sup>79</sup> <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/tackling-poverty>

And wherever the obsession goes, the antisemitism follows:



Louise Haigh is a front bench Corbyn supporter. She is Shadow Minister of State for Policing. It is no surprise that Labour Friends of Palestine organised a petition. Louise Haigh is the Vice-Chair of Labour Friends of Palestine.<sup>80</sup> Once again, we see Corbyn's key personnel stirring the pot wherever it can. All of this is deliberate.

Sheffield is not unique. It is one of many cities, that have a negligible or non-existent Jewish community. This is occurring throughout the UK.

The UK is a democracy. If you allow for antisemitic poison to spread amongst enough of the people, they'll create the pressure. It ends up looking like a grassroots movement, but it isn't. It was a top down and organised disinformation campaign. All you need to do is follow the path back to how and where it began.

Meanwhile the process continues:<sup>81</sup>



What is all this if not hypocrisy, double standards, blatant discrimination and ultimately anti-Jewish racism.

<sup>80</sup> <https://twitter.com/LouHaigh/status/1143973971077095424?s=20>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/solidarity-with-palestine-next-steps-for-the-uk-trade-union-movement>