



As a trade union, **ASLEF** stands in solidarity with workers and trade unionists around the world.

Palestinian workers living under Israeli occupation struggle every day: to get work permits, to get past checkpoints, to find work, and to negotiate acceptable wages and working conditions. They struggle to access adequate housing, basic sanitation, health care, food and water. Many have been displaced and forced into exile.

It is because of these injustices that **ASLEF**, along with 14 other national unions, is affiliated to the **Palestine Solidarity Campaign** and calls for a complete lift of the on-going blockade and for Israeli compliance with international law with regards to the people of Palestine.

### **LINES OF REPRESSION**

**ASLEF** members are used to asserting the social and environmental benefits of developing good railway links. That is why we are concerned about the development of railway lines across the West Bank: the Jerusalem Light Railway system effectively links illegal settlements and cements Israel's hold on occupied East Jerusalem - and there have been allegations of racial discrimination in their recruitment procedures. We support **PSC's** efforts to put pressure on the European firms involved in this project, including Deutsche Bahn who recently acquired Veolia's Central Eastern European business and whose subsidiary, DB Arriva, operate trains in the UK.

We also promote the wider Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Campaign against Israel until it respects Palestinians' right to freedom, equality and self-determination. This campaign targets companies supporting settlement activities, such as the security company G4S who provide services to the Israeli Occupation Forces, and also calls for a military embargo on Israel.



# BACKING A CAMPAIGN OF HOPE



By building awareness-raising, developing international solidarity and using economic, political and social pressure, we aim to bring hope to Palestinians and to realise lasting justice and peace in the region. That is why **ASLEF** supports the work of **PSC** and the people of Palestine by

- promoting **PSC**'s campaigns and events
- encouraging local **PSC** and **ASLEF** branches to build links
- encouraging **ASLEF** members to visit Palestine on **PSC** delegations
- lobbying MPs for more progressive government policies for the region
- speaking about these issues at conferences and fringe meetings
- attending **PSC** Trade Union Advisory Committee meetings

We urge members and branches to affiliate to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign. To find out more, visit [www.palestinecampaign.org](http://www.palestinecampaign.org)  
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