

BAN ISRAELI SETTLEMENT GOODS

Working with others – a guide

Many other organisations in the UK campaign on the issue of Israeli settlement goods, and you may want to team up with them for joint events or activities. When you approach or are approached by another organisation, here's what you need to consider.

What are their views on human rights?

Make sure the organisation has a genuine commitment to upholding international human rights standards.

Could they damage Amnesty's reputation?

Make sure the organisation does not behave in a way or hold views that would damage Amnesty's reputation. Check their statements and opinions on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and governments and human rights elsewhere in the Middle East. Consider how they have responded to public criticism – have they remained polite and professional?

Also make sure they:

- Don't hold views that are discriminatory against any ethnic or religious groups
- Haven't made public statements that could be considered hate speech
- Haven't advocated or supported violence against civilians

Is your event representative?

If you are organising a discussion, talk or other public event, be aware the the make-up of your speakers/panel sends out a powerful message. Ask yourself:

- Is there a mix of genders, ethnicities and ages on the panel/list of speakers?
- Are Palestinians represented?
- Do you have a mix of the organisations involved?
- Who is chairing the event? How do they affect the balance of the panel in terms of age, gender and ethnicity?

Note that while it is important to be representative, you also don't want too many speakers/panellists.

Safety and well-being

Some people view this issue as controversial, so safety concerns need to be taken into account when planning a public event. Think about what could take place – and what you could do to prevent it. We recommend doing a risk assessment (see attached example), and asking the local police for their advice.

Take care with what you say

Remember that anything said at the event could end up online or in print. Assume that any comments or debates in a meeting/event will be recorded.

More help

If you need more support or advice, please email activism@amnesty.org.uk