

MOTION TO NEC ON ANTISEMITISM

South East Cornwall Labour welcomes the NEC Code of Conduct on Antisemitism as giving clearer and stronger guidance than previous codes and definitions on what antisemitism is and what it is not.

We note that the NEC code

1. states emphatically: "Labour is an anti-racist party. Antisemitism is racism. It is unacceptable in our Party and in wider society. "
2. fully incorporates the 38-word International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism and clarifies the controversial aspects of guidance notes attached to it
3. emphasises the vital distinction between
 - i) antisemitism, properly understood as hostility or hatred directed at Jews; and
 - ii) legitimate criticism of the state or government of Israel
4. confirms that opinion about Israel, Palestine and Zionism may be judged to be racist or constitute religious hatred where there is evidence of antisemitic intent. This is consistent with the MacPherson recommendations in the Stephen Lawrence inquiry.
5. commits to protecting freedom of expression, including contentious opinions, as guaranteed by Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998. This includes opinions about Israel and its policies, and about political strategies seeking to influence them.

SE Cornwall therefore calls on the NEC to:

- resist pressure to adopt the full list of examples attached to the IHRA definition of antisemitism and stand by its Code of Conduct on Antisemitism;
- include a broader range of Jewish opinion in any further consultations; and
- mobilise to fight the alarming rise of racism of all kinds in the UK and abroad.

SE Cornwall CLP further calls on our delegates to conference to support this position in any relevant debates at Labour party conference.

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