

# Reject IHRA:

## The real target is Corbyn

At long last, the witch-hunt in the Labour Party has reached its long-intended, main target: Jeremy Corbyn. For the last three years, vastly exaggerated claims that the Labour Party is awash with anti-Semites have been used to attack the left. But Ken Livingstone, Jackie Walker, Marc Wadsworth, Tony Greenstein and hundreds of other Labour Party members were little more than collateral damage.

This vicious campaign, orchestrated by the pro-Zionist lobby and the right in the party, never had anything to do with fighting anti-Semitism - but everything with getting rid of Jeremy Corbyn. His pro-Palestinian views and socialist policies make him unacceptable to both.

That is why the NEC was wrong to adopt in its Code of Conduct, the working definition of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and most of the examples that have

been published alongside it. The intent of this document is *not* to define Anti-Semitism – after all, the *Oxford English Dictionary* manages that in six words:

“Hostility to or prejudice against Jews.” No, its sole purpose is to conflate criticism of Zionism and Israel with anti-Semitism - even without the four examples that the Code has (so far) left out.

Therefore we call on the NEC and Labour Party members to reject the whole IHRA working definition:

- **Most IHRA examples refer to Israel.** In effect, the IHRA definition is labelling anti-Zionism as anti-Semitic. But Zionism is itself a cause of anti-

Semitism today: Israel, by claiming to be a Jewish state, associates Jews everywhere with its crimes against the Palestinians.

- **The most disputed IHRA example would ban the description of Israel as a “racist” state.** But racism is exactly what the Israeli government has now enshrined via its ‘Nation State’ law.

- **We must defend freedom of speech on Pa-**

**lestine.** In their identical front pages, the *Jewish Chronicle*, the *Jewish Telegraph* and *Jewish News* admit that: “Had the full IHRA definition with

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examples relating to Israel been approved, hundreds, if not thousands, of Labour and Momentum members would need to be expelled.”

- **Any attempts by the NEC to introduce so-called ‘safeguards’ are doomed to fail.** Not only would they compete with the IHRA examples (which rule is more important?). Any assurance that past comments would not be investigated are also useless, because Jeremy Corbyn has already been declared an anti-Semite.

There is still time to bring this witch-hunt to an end. But Jeremy Corbyn and his allies have to stand up to the enemies of the democratic Labour left:

- **They have to reject the whole IHRA working definition** and clearly say that the Labour Party is not riddled with anti-Semites.

- **All those summarily expelled or suspended** from membership without due process should be immediately reinstated.
- **We need mandatory reselection** of all Labour MPs. The right wing saboteurs in the PLP have to go.
- **Momentum has to be radically democratised - or abolished.** Instead of defending Corbyn, Momentum owner Jon Lansman has sided with the witch-hunters. He has thrown Jackie Walker and Pete Willsman to the wolves and is now ready to abandon Corbyn, too. He wants the term ‘Zionism’ banned. He runs Momentum like a dictator, having abolished all democratic structures.

**Democracy and free speech are essential in the struggle to transform our party and society.**

**Sunday September 23, 7pm**

**LAW fringe event at Labour Party Conference**

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