



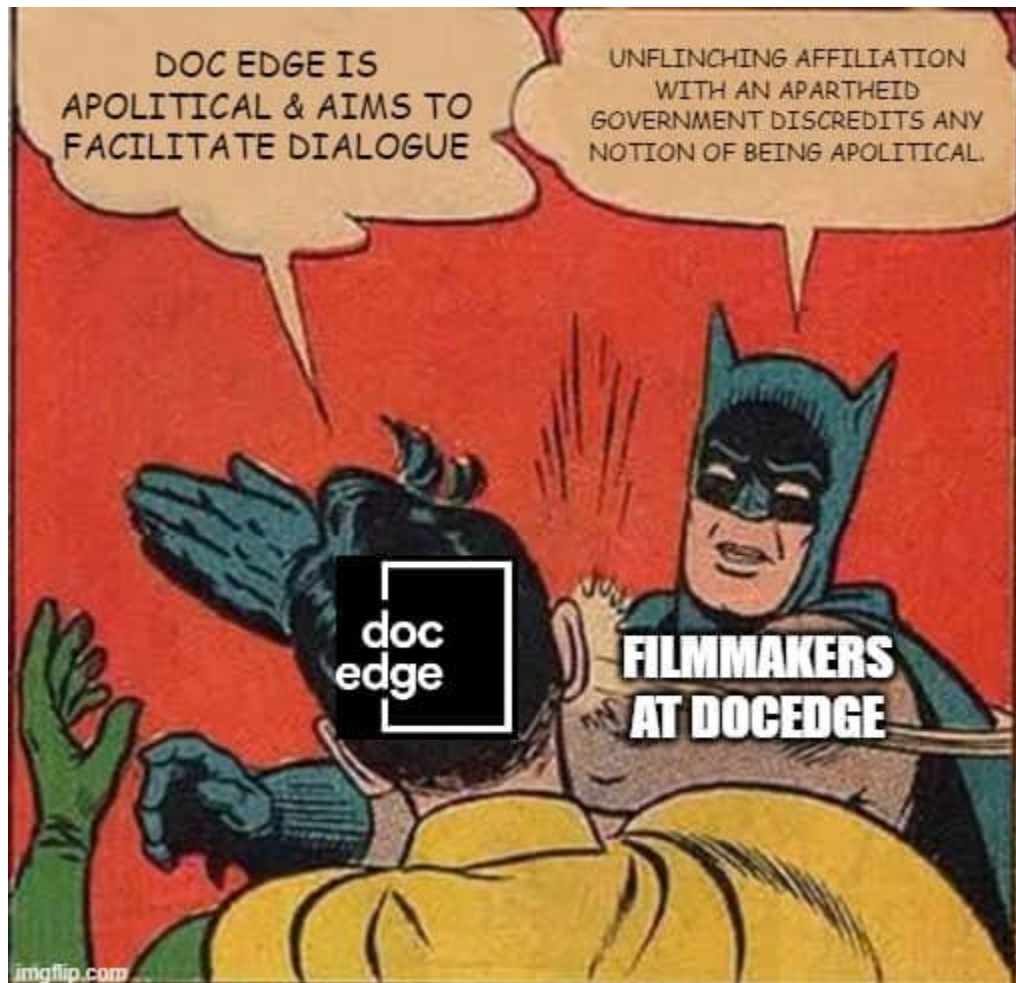
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Filmmakers call out Doc Edge “art-washing” Israeli racism and apartheid

International filmmakers have called out Doc Edge for its “art-washing” of Israeli racism and apartheid against Palestinians.



The filmmakers letter is online at <https://tiny.one/DecoloniseDocEdge> and we are reprinting it here:

Open Letter to DocEdge from Festival Filmmakers Opposing Apartheid Funding

Tēnā koutou,

As filmmakers and participants in DocEdge Film Festival, we are deeply concerned by the festival's continued acceptance of funding and official support from the Israeli Embassy. It is an offensive and unacceptable affiliation which we do not endorse.

Numerous human rights organisations conclude Israel's systemic policies, practices, and human rights violations meet the legal definition of apartheid. In just over the last month alone Israel [announced the ethnic cleansing of over 1000 more Palestinians](#), [greenlit plans to build almost 4500 more homes in illegal Israeli settlements](#), and [murdered Palestinian Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh](#) in cold blood before [attacking pallbearers and mourners at her funeral](#). By affiliating with Israel DocEdge are legitimizing an abhorrent and racist apartheid regime which attacks and persecutes the very storytellers they claim to support. It is a blatant contrast to the spirit of a festival.

DocEdge have stated they're "apolitical" and aim to "facilitate dialogue," but they've actively chosen to accept funding from the apartheid Israeli government and avoided engaging those who've expressed concern over the funding [since as early as 2018](#). Unflinching affiliation with an apartheid government discredits any notion of being apolitical. This is not an issue of 'censorship' or 'pressure groups', it is an issue of Israel using culture and art as a form of propaganda, curating an image of sophistication and philanthropy to whitewash its abhorrent crimes and justify apartheid.

Our concern is not fearing Israeli influence in the festival selection, rather, the credibility and legitimisation that Israel gains from DocEdge's endorsement and platform. Our call isn't to take 'sides' or censor films, it is to recognise human rights and to keep our cultural spaces free from the harm and normalisation of racism and colonisation.

Inspired by the international movement that contributed to ending apartheid in South Africa, it is critical to mobilise non-violent pressure on Israel to end its apartheid, persecution, and illegal occupation against Palestinians, making the 'status quo' inconvenient enough for Israel to care, and change.

It is in firm solidarity with the Palestinian people and the global recognition of human rights that we request DocEdge end their affiliation with the apartheid Israeli Embassy and divest from a relationship that endorses and legitimizes the systemic and racist persecution of Palestinians.

In solidarity,

Cole Yeoman - 'The Milford Road' - Director/Producer

Gabriel Shipton - 'Ithaka' - Producer & brother of Julian Assange

Haidy Kancler - 'Melting Dreams' - Director/ Writer

Neasa Ní Chaináin - 'Young Plato' - Director

David Rane - 'Young Plato' - Producer

Rich Felgate - 'Finite: The Climate of Change' - Director/ Producer

Julia Maria Diana Jansch - 'Coming Home' - Director/ Producer

Olha Zhurba - 'Outside' - Director

Kaia Kahurangi Jamieson - 'Scope' - Director/ Producer

Two things you can do right now with a few clicks...



Dan Shanahan



Alex Lee



Rachael Penman



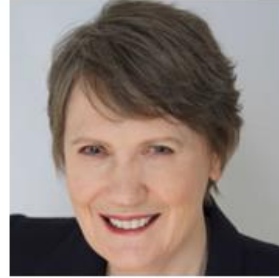
Glenn Johnstone—Board Chair



Deborah Hart

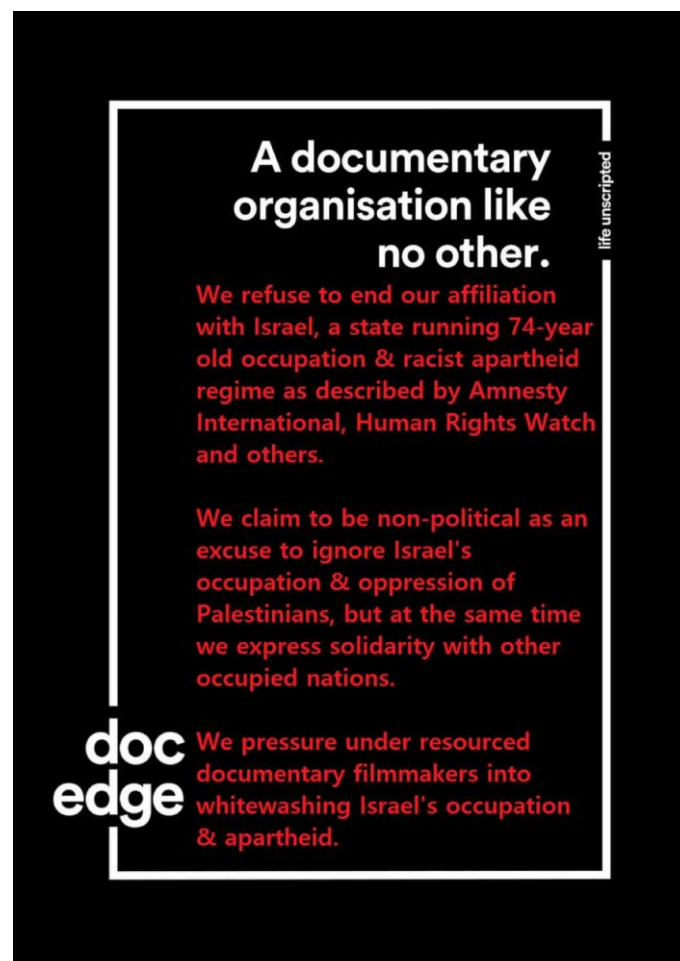


Cameron McGregor



Helen Clark—Patron

1. Go to our website at [this link](#) where there is a letter for you to copy and paste with another message to the organisers, Board and Patron of Doc Edge (see pictures above) asking them to end their support for Israeli racism and apartheid.
2. Share the “Batman” poster above and this poster on social media during the week



PSNA National Meeting – 8/9 October in Christchurch

Our national meeting will be on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October in Christchurch at WEA – 59 Gloucester Street, Central Christchurch. The meeting itself will go from Saturday morning till Sunday lunchtime.

We are keen to have a great turnout from around the whole country, **please make sure cost is not a barrier to any region or centre being represented** – we are happy to pay airfares etc to make sure this can happen. All we ask is that people book as early as possible to keep the airfare cost down. Just book your fares and send the receipt to Neil and we will get it paid pronto.

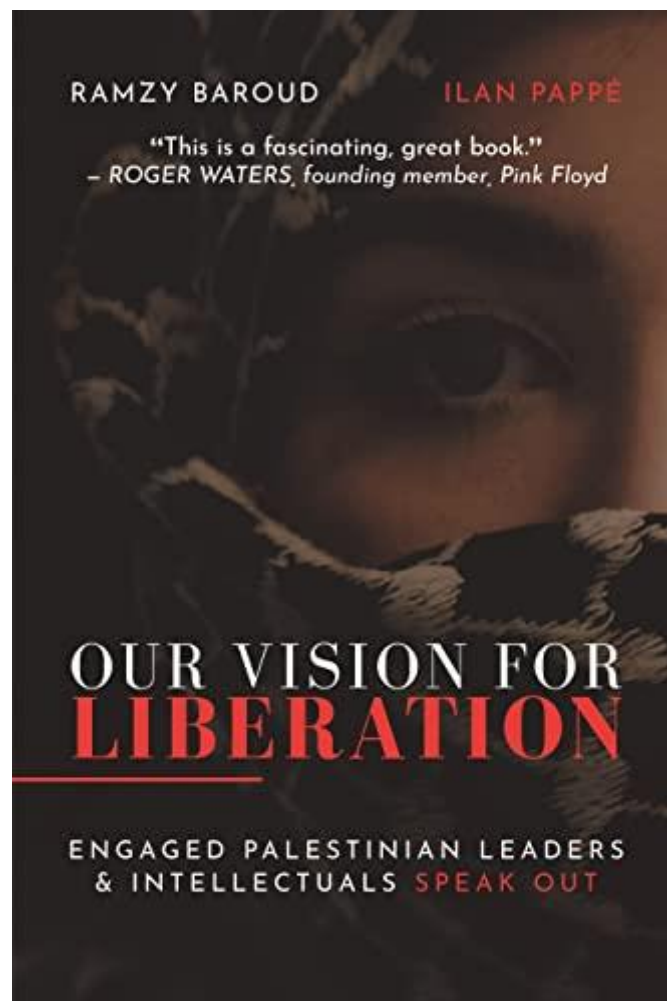
We will be able to provide billets for people coming in from outside Christchurch for both the Friday and Saturday nights. Bronwen will co-ordinate these requests so just email her at bronwensummers@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all in springtime in the Garden City!

Our Vision for Liberation

This is an outstanding book which documents what liberation looks like from Palestinian viewpoints.

A book review by Christchurch-based Lois Griffiths is [here](#)



It is presented by outstanding Palestinian author and activist Ramzy Baroud (who toured Aotearoa New Zealand several years back) and renowned Israeli historian Ilan Pappé. It is a not-to-be-missed publication!

We have purchased 50 copies for PSNA supporters and we are selling these at \$35 per copy to cover our costs. To get your copy simply deposit \$35 in our bank account here:

Account name: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY NETWORK

Account number: 38-9015-0849542-00

And then email secretary@PSNA.nz with your address and we will get your copy in the mail!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

“How to be a bad Muslim”

Mohamed Hassan’s new book “How to be a Bad Muslim” is described as a [“searing, moving book of essays”](#) in Stuff’s Sunday Magazine – see picture below.

It will be helpful in countering Islamophobia and racism against Arabs and Palestinians – something prevalent in the pro-Israel lobby and other fringe groups.



Palestinian Dr Mai Mohammed Hamdi Tamimi receives Queen's Birthday honour



Dr Mai Mohammed Hamdi Tamimi

Scroll down at [this link](#) to read about the life and work of Dr Tamimi.

Important stories from the Web

- Israeli policy: Kill the messenger, attack the mourners [here](#)
- Noam Chomsky – video discussing the future of Palestine in the global fight for justice [here](#)
- What Gabriel Boric's victory in Chile will mean for Palestine [here](#)
- The Netherlands – half the population regards Israel as an apartheid state [here](#)
- Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike: Severe health deterioration for Khalil Awawdeh and Raed Rayan [here](#)
- Israel's anti-torture body refers to International Criminal Court [here](#)
- What's the story? Basil Al Adraa in Masafer Yatta [here](#)
- Big thief calls off Israeli concert [here](#)
- Apartheid Israel leads the world in killing journalists [here](#)
- Two Palestinian Action activists remain political prisoners [here](#)
- Wellington mayor refuses meeting to explain decision to refuse to fly Palestinian flag on Nakba Day [here](#)
- Israeli's paroxysm of Judeo-hate: Richard Siverstein [here](#)
- PACC call to Boycott Doc Edge Film Festival [here](#)
- The Australia political parties and their policies on Palestine [here](#)
- Richard Falk on the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh [here](#)

Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity in 2022

28 Mar – 4 Apr	Israel Apartheid Week
30 Mar	Land Day Palestine
5 Apr	Palestinian Childs Day
9 Apr	Deir Yassin massacre - Irgun Terrorism - 107-120 Palestinian men, women and children massacred
17 Apr	Palestinian Prisoners Day
11 May	World Kufiya Day
15 May	Nakba Day – marking the mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Palestine in 1948
5 Jun	Nakba Day - Start of 1967 War - Land Grab – Invasion of Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza, Egypt and Syria - 5 June 1967 – 10 June 1967
20 Jun	Attack on Gaza - 6–21 May 2021 (2 weeks and 1 day)
16-18 Sep	40 th anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres
28 Sep	Second Intifada - 28 Sept 2000 – 8 Feb 2005
8/9 October –	PSNA National Meeting in Christchurch
2 Nov	Balfour Declaration
29 Nov	United Nations - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
8 Dec	"First Intifada - 8 Dec 1987 – 13 Sept 1993

Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign?

We will need some serious money to make our campaign as effective as possible. For example, we will need somewhere in the vicinity of \$25,000 to bring speakers to New Zealand over the next year and organise large public meetings to help spread the message.

You can help. Are you able to donate a cup of coffee a month to the campaign? In other words, **can you afford to make an automatic payment of \$5 per month to support the Palestinian struggle?** (If you can afford more that would be great!)

Our account details are:

Account name: Palestine Solidarity Network

Account number: 38-9015-0849542-00

Or Pay Pal account: admin@palestinesolidaritynz.net

We are happy to provide a receipt upon request (*however, we are not a registered charity so this is not tax-deductible*)

Merchandise for sale

We have Merchandise you can buy including T-shirts from our website.



Go here - <https://www.psna.nz/shop>

In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter – an invitation to subscribe from Leslie Bravery

Because of mainstream news media complicity, daily headlines and commentary only occasionally ever mention the relentless Israeli violence in Palestine, not even the frequent air strikes!

However, daily news and statistics regarding the violence Palestinians are forced to live under are regularly reported on in the “In Occupied Palestine daily newsletter”, sourced and compiled for easy reading and correlation chiefly from the Palestinian Monitoring Group's daily situation reports.

The “In Occupied Palestine” daily newsletter continues to be circulated, by email, worldwide to subscribers only, as it has been over the last two decades.

Contact: [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)

(Please note we have changed the link).

More ways you can get involved

- Forward this Newsletter – If you know people who may be interested in this movement, please forward this Newsletter to them.
- Join in local activities in your area monthly Rallies - In Auckland at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Please consider doing the same in your community. Contact Secretary@PSNA.nz if you would like to know where and how to get Flags and Banners
- Help set up a Students for Justice in Palestine groups on your campus
- Tell Your MP your opinions on Divestment and Sanctions of Israel.
- Write Letters to Newspapers – Call Talkback Radio
- Keep in touch with the campaign on social media
 - ❖ Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa (PSNA) website: www.PSNA.nz
 - ❖ PSNA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/
 - ❖ PSNA email: Secretary@PSNA.nz
- The Palestine Human Rights Campaign produces the *In Occupied Palestine* newsletter. It is a regular daily newsletter on the daily situation in Palestine, compiled by Leslie Bravery and emailed to subscribers. If you would also like to become a subscriber, please contact Leslie at “sumud1 @ outlook.com” (remove the spaces to use as an email address) for further information.
- Keep Updated on our Facebook pages and websites (listed below)

PSNA Groups

National Committee

Website	www.PSNA.nz	
Chair – John Minto	Chair@PSNA.nz	
Secretary – Neil Scott	Secretary@PSNA.nz	

Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	PSN Bay of Islands	email
Whangarei	PSN Whangarei	Facebook
Auckland	PSN Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau	Website
Hamilton	Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato	Facebook
Tauranga	Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	Aotearoa Standing with Palestine	Facebook
Palmerston North	PSN Palmerston North	email
New Plymouth	PSN Taranaki	Facebook
Whanganui	Whanganui@PSNA.nz	email
Wellington	PSN Wellington	email
Nelson	Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine	Facebook
Christchurch	PSN Christchurch	Facebook
Dunedin	Dunedin for Justice in Palestine	Facebook
Invercargill	PSN Invercargill	email

Other groups supporting Palestinian Rights

- [Palestinian Community of New Zealand](#)
- [Palestinian Youth Aotearoa](#)
- [Preserved Identity \(Palestinian products\)](#)
- [Boycott Divestment and Sanctions NZ](#)
- [Kia Ora Gaza](#)
- [Letters for Palestine](#)
- [Auckland Peace Action](#)
- [Global Peace and Justice Auckland](#)
- [Auckland Uni– Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Massey Uni- Students for Justice in Palestine](#)
- [Tamaki Loves Palestine](#)
- [Justice for Palestine](#)
- [Palestine Human Rights Campaign](#)