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## Newsletter No 91



### Israel Apartheid Week

THIS WEEK is Israel Apartheid Week. More details about the origin and background to the week can be found [here](#). With Netanyahu's far-right fascist government in place it's more important than ever that we call out Israel as a racist apartheid state and bring pressure for our government and governments around the world to hold Israel accountable for its myriad crimes, including war crimes, against the Palestinians people living under Israeli occupation.

**An important message you can send now with just a few clicks...**

Post the four posters below on your social media pages like Facebook and Twitter etc THIS WEEK and mention that this is marking Israel Apartheid Week.

All the best – a prize mention in the next newsletter for the person who gets the most shares on FB, Twitter!!!

In case you are not sure what to do...

1. "Create an IAW" (Israel Apartheid Week) folder on the desktop of your computer
2. "Right click" on the poster in the newsletter and click "Save as picture"
3. Save the picture into the IAW folder on the desktop of your computer
4. Open your social media page, click on the image icon and upload the picture onto Facebook or Twitter etc

### Poster 1 Who says Israel is an apartheid state?

# Who says Israel is an apartheid state?

**Al Haq**  
An independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organisation based in Ramallah in the Occupied West Bank  
Report - Entrenching and Maintaining an Apartheid Regime over the Palestinian People as a Whole

**Human Rights Watch**  
The largest US based human rights organisation  
Report - A Threshold Crossed - Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution

**Amnesty International**  
Amnesty International is the world's largest international human rights organisation  
Report - Israel's apartheid against Palestinians - cruel system of domination and crime against humanity

**B'Tselem**  
The largest and most respected human rights organisation in Israel  
Report - A regime of Jewish supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea: This is apartheid

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### Poster 2 Who is stealing Palestine?

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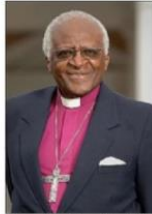
## Poster 3 What did Bishop Tutu say about Israel?

# What did Archbishop Desmond Tutu say about Israel?

Nobel Peace prize winner and South African Archbishop, Desmond Tutu said "I have witnessed the racially segregated roads and housing in the Holy Land that reminded me so much of the conditions we experienced in South Africa under apartheid"

He said international solidarity such as BDS – Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions – is critical to ending injustices like Israeli apartheid against Palestinians.

"We could not have achieved our democracy without the help of people around the world, who through... non-violent means, such as boycotts and divestment, encouraged their governments and other corporate actors to reverse decades-long support for the apartheid regime"



Regarding Israeli policies Tutu said:

**"Call it apartheid and boycott"**

"Those who turn a blind eye to injustice actually perpetuate injustice. If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

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## Poster 4 Are Israeli leaders Racist?

# Are Israel's leaders racist?



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu:

**"The way to deal with Palestinians is to beat them up - not once but repeatedly, beat them up so it hurts so badly, until its unbearable."**



Minister of Finance Bezalel Smotrich

**Believes all Palestinians should be ethnically cleansed from historic Palestine.**



Minister of National Security Itamar Ben Gvir:

**Admires the anti-Palestinian terrorist Baruch Goldstein who massacred 29 Palestinians in the Ibrahimi mosque in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron in 1994. For many years Ben Gvir had Goldstein's picture on his living room wall**

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## Get your “Apartheid Free Zone” sign



Also in this Israel Apartheid Week (13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March) you can purchase a small corflute sign to stick on your letterbox or your front fence (the signs are 20cm by 15cm) which declares your property to be an “apartheid free zone” – in other words you don’t purchase Israeli products or support Israel’s apartheid policies against Palestinians.

Get one for your letterbox for \$5. Just deposit the money in

Account Name: Palestine Solidarity Network  
Account Number: 38 9015 0849542 00

and send an email to [secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto:secretary@PSNA.nz) with your address and we’ll send you one - or as many as you’d like for your neighbours and friends....

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## A rare event

It’s rare for the mainstream media to challenge Israeli lies but here the Washington Post [calls out the lies of the Israel Defence Force](#) in their killing of Palestinians.

**The Washington Post**  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

### 3D analysis shows how Israeli troops fired into group of civilians

In an incident last month that left two Palestinians dead, troops shot at least 14 times in four seconds while civilians would have been visible.

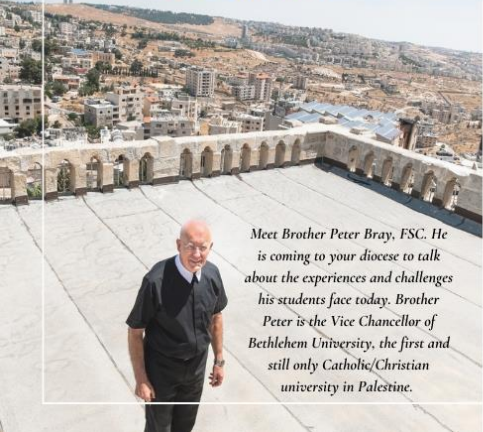
Israeli security forces in an armored vehicle fired repeatedly into a group of civilians sheltering between a mosque and a clinic after a Feb. 22 raid in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, killing two people, including a teenager, and wounding three others, according to witnesses and a visual reconstruction of the event by The Washington Post. To continue reading, click [here](#).



## Brother Peter Bray's presentation

NZCBC PRESENTS


### GREETINGS FROM PALESTINE



Meet Brother Peter Bray, FSC. He is coming to your diocese to talk about the experiences and challenges his students face today. Brother Peter is the Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University, the first and still only Catholic/Christian university in Palestine.



JANUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 2023
<b>Diocese of Palmerston North</b> Tue, 24 Jan, 7pm St Mary's Church, Taradale  Wed, 25 Jan, 7pm Te Rau Aroha, Diocesan Centre, Palmerston North  Thu, 26 Jan, 7pm St Joseph's Church, New Plymouth	<b>Diocese of Christchurch</b> Thu, 2 Feb, 7:30pm Te Manawa Atawhai, Villa Maria College, Christchurch  <b>Diocese of Hamilton</b> Tue, 7 Feb, 5pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton
<b>Archdiocese of Wellington</b> Mon, 30 Jan, 6:30pm St Thomas More Church, Wilton, Wellington	<b>Diocese of Auckland</b> Wed, 8 Feb, 7pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Centre, Ponsonby
<b>Diocese of Dunedin</b> Tue, 31 Jan TBA, Dunedin	Thu, 9 Feb, 7pm St Francis Xavier Primary School (staff room) Whangarei

If you have not yet watched Brother Peter's brief introductory videos, please check out the links at:  
[www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977](https://www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977)  
Email [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) or visit [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz) for more information



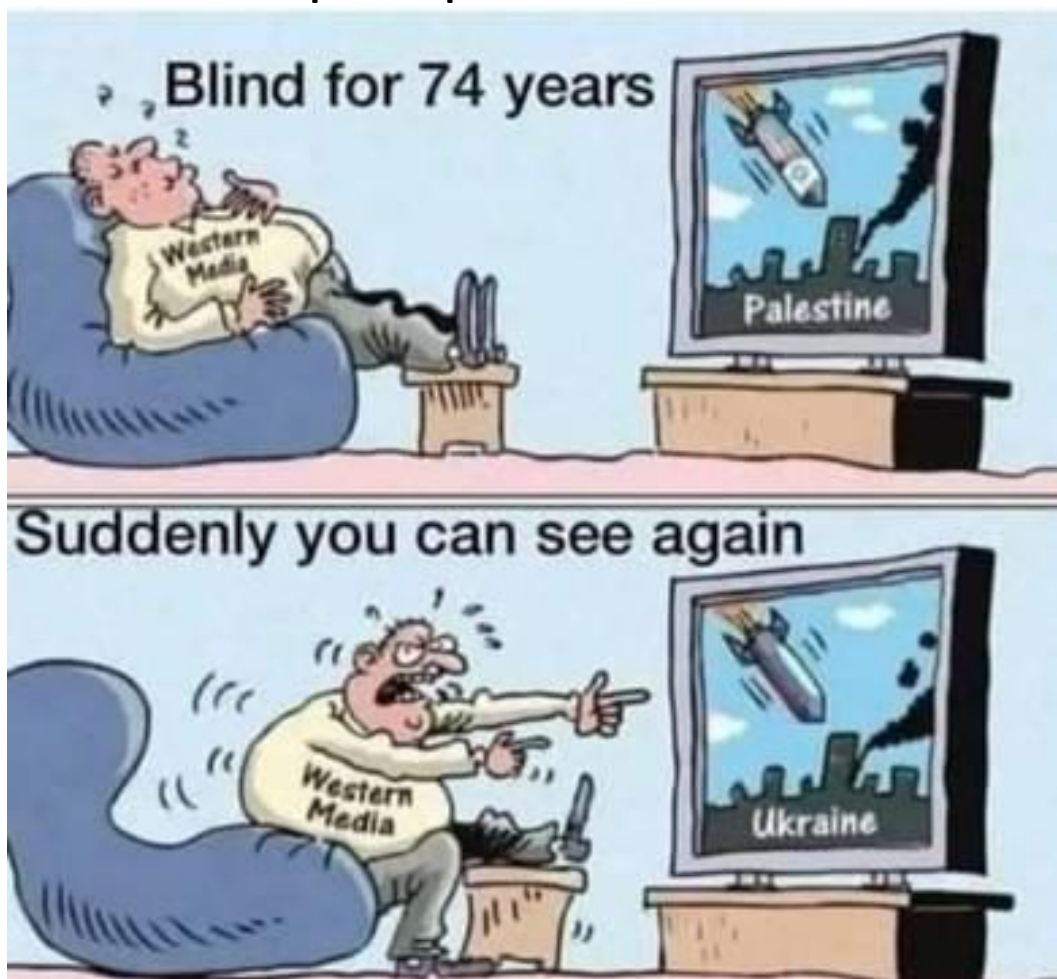
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Katorika o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Special thanks to:



Brother Peter Bray finished his highly successful New Zealand tour last month with large audiences throughout the country. In case you missed his presentation in your area [here is a video of his talk in Christchurch on 2 February](#).

## When a picture paints a thousand words...



## Opening Celebration of “Illumination - Islamic Art Exhibition”



We received this message inviting PSNA supporters to attend the **Opening Celebration of Illumination - Islamic Art Exhibition** by MW Calligraphy Art on March 18th at the Becroft Gallery - Lake House Arts Centre (37 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Auckland)

### Here is more information about the event:

Don't miss this chance to be inspired at this one-of-a-kind Islamic Art exhibition in Auckland! Join us for an exclusive Artists Talk & unveiling of our new Islamic Art collection “Illumination”, showcased at Becroft Gallery - Lake House Arts Centre.

The works in this series seeks to truly resonate with Aotearoa. It incorporates a fresh and bright colour palette, and the use of Al-Sunbali script, a modern script with dynamic character. The series invites viewers to witness the beauty of Islamic Art and interpret it in their own way - as there are no language barriers with art.

During the [event](#), you'll get the chance to chat with us, learn about our experience doing Islamic Art, and feast on authentic Mediterranean delicacies.

All are welcome to attend!

- Free Entry
- Exhibition Opening Celebration: Saturday 18th March 2023 (4pm)
- Exhibition Dates: 18th March till 31st March 2023
- Tuesday - Friday (9am - 2pm)
- Sat - Sun (10am - 2pm)
- Closed on Monday

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## Round the Bays goes round the world for Palestine



Auckland supporters got out the flags and got a huge positive response from the thousands of people taking part in the annual Round the Bays fun run. Bravo!

## Israel's agents of international Chaos



This month an international group of journalists exposed two Israeli Companies, "Team Jorge" and Percepto, which offers online services of disinformation and misinformation campaigns for wealthy companies and clients and corrupt political leaders. They claim to have interfered in up to 30 elections around the world.

Two stories have appeared in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz [here](#) and [here](#) but these are paywalled. However it is covered by the Guardian [here](#)

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## Protesting the Israeli Ambassador

The Israeli ambassador Ran Yaakoby is active around the country promoting positive messages about Israel's apartheid system against Palestinians.

We are keen to be there whenever he speaks to protest and call out Israel's racist apartheid policies.

If you find out about any speaking engagements Ran Yaakoby has please let us know by texting 027 4 APARTHEID (0274272784) or email [apartheid-israel@psna.nz](mailto:apartheid-israel@psna.nz)



Back in the 1980s the New Zealand Anti-Apartheid movement launched a campaign to close the South Africa consulate in Wellington. A critical part of this campaign was to target the



South African Consul General with public protest whenever he turned up to promote apartheid. The campaign was successful with the government forcing the closure of the consul-general's information service (its propaganda wing) In a fit of pique the South African government then closed its consulate entirely – a victory in the campaign to isolate South Africa's apartheid regime.

In 2023 the Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa is launching a similar campaign to close apartheid Israel's embassy in Wellington. We need our supporters everywhere to help by letting us know whenever Ran Yaakoby is to speak and we will be there to protest. Help to spread the poster above among family, friends and work colleagues.

If you see him on the street give him a piece of your mind.

We will not stand by while the racist Israeli government continues its brutal oppression of Palestinians.

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## Petition to Close the Israeli Embassy

If you haven't signed our petition to close the Israeli embassy yet...

**Scan and Sign here**

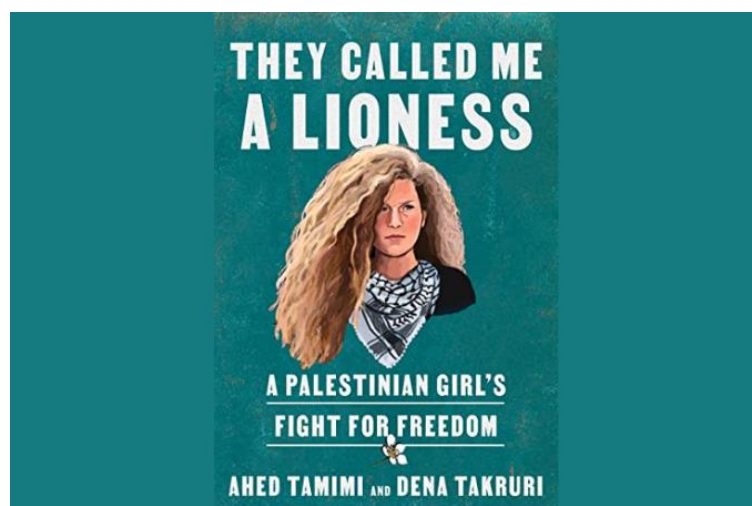


**Or Click and Sign here**

<https://www.psna.nz/petition>

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## "They called me a lioness"



Book review by Christchurch activist Lois Griffiths [here](#)



# Important stories from the Web

## General reading

- Shrinking the Conflict: Debunking Israel's New Strategy [here](#)
- Israel's "right to exist" challenged in expert testimonies [here](#)
- The problem with Israel's so-called crisis of democracy [here](#)
- Israel-Gaza border sizzles in wake of West Bank escalation [here](#)
- Israeli Knesset moves to adopt death penalty for Palestinian resistance [here](#)
- The World Economic Forum has outed itself as anti-Palestinian [here](#)
- The Palestinian Authority is a figleaf for Israeli apartheid – disband it [here](#)
- A day in the life of a Gaza power cut [here](#)
- We need to end colonialism, not defend Jewish democracy [here](#)
- Is non-violence relevant for the Palestinian struggle [here](#)
- Even with Palestinian children's art, Israel must make itself the victim [here](#)
- Insight into Israel's occupation and the lies that go with it [here](#)
- Gaza reacts to Israeli West Bank onslaught and PA complicity [here](#)

## United States

- Should Biden's new arms transfer policy apply to Israel? [here](#)
- Criticizing Israel is suddenly the new order for liberal Zionists [here](#)
- Israeli minister who called for Palestinian town to be erased set to address Washington Conference [here](#)
- Biden's policy on Israeli extremism is to kiss Netanyahu's ass [here](#)
- Michael Lynk: What does the US get out of shielding Israel from accountability [here](#)

## BDS Campaign

- South African parliament downgrades Israel Embassy [here](#)
- Could African Union push Israel into international isolation? [here](#)
- Jewish calls for divestment from Israel are heralded by media exposing anti-Palestinian bias [here](#)

## Israeli brutality

- Israel should wipe out Palestinian village of Huwara says far-right minister [here](#)
- Israeli settlers on the rampage isn't a shock – it's daily life for Palestinians in the West Bank [here](#)
- Bezazel Smotrich doubles down on support for wiping out Huwara [here](#)

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## Reminder: Dates for Palestine Solidarity activity in 2023

28 Mar – 4 Apr	<i>Israel Apartheid Week</i>
30 Mar	<i>Land Day Palestine</i>
5 Apr	<i>Palestinian Childs Day</i>
9 Apr	<i>Deir Yassin massacre - Irgun Terrorism - 107-120 Palestinian men, women and children massacred</i>
17 Apr	<i>Palestinian Prisoners Day</i>
11 May	<i>World Kufiya Day</i>
15 May	<i>Nakba Day – marking the mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from Palestine in 1948</i>
5 Jun	<i>Nakba Day - Start of 1967 War - Land Grab – Invasion of Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza, Egypt and Syria - 5 June 1967 – 10 June 1967</i>
20 Jun	<i>Attack on Gaza - 6–21 May 2021 (2 weeks and 1 day)</i>
16-18 Sep	<i>40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres</i>
28 Sep	<i>Second Intifada - 28 Sept 2000 – 8 Feb 2005</i>

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

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## 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](mailto: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*)

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## Merchandise for sale

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



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

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## 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](#)

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.PSNA.nz)
  - ❖ PSNA Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/671376706283605/)
  - ❖ PSNA email: [Secretary@PSNA.nz](mailto: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)

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## PSNA Groups

### National Committee

Website	<a href="http://www.PSNA.nz">www.PSNA.nz</a>	
Chair – John Minto	<a href="mailto:Chair@PSNA.nz">Chair@PSNA.nz</a>	
Secretary – Neil Scott	<a href="mailto:Secretary@PSNA.nz">Secretary@PSNA.nz</a>	

### Regional Groups

Bay of Islands	<a href="#">PSN Bay of Islands</a>	email
Whangarei	<a href="#">PSN Whangarei</a>	Facebook
Auckland	<a href="#">PSN Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau</a>	Website
Hamilton	<a href="#">Palestine Human Rights Campaign Waikato</a>	Facebook
Tauranga	<a href="#">Tauranga Moana 4 Palestine</a>	Facebook
Napier/Hastings	<a href="#">Aotearoa Standing with Palestine</a>	Facebook
Hawkes Bay	<a href="#">PSNA-Hawkes Bay – Page</a> <a href="#">PSNA-Hawkes Bay - Group</a>	Facebook Facebook
Palmerston North	<a href="#">PSN Palmerston North</a>	email
New Plymouth	<a href="#">PSN Taranaki</a>	Facebook
Whanganui	<a href="mailto:Whanganui@PSNA.nz">Whanganui@PSNA.nz</a>	email
Wellington	<a href="#">PSN Wellington</a>	email
Nelson	<a href="#">Te Tau Ihu (Nelson) Palestine</a>	Facebook
Christchurch	<a href="#">PSN Christchurch</a>	Facebook
Dunedin	<a href="#">Dunedin for Justice in Palestine</a>	Facebook
Invercargill	<a href="#">PSN Invercargill</a>	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](#)