

Oxford UCU Branch Motion to UCU Congress 2024

Passed at Branch Extraordinary General Meeting on 30th April 2024

Gaza Family Scheme

Congress notes

1. Israel continues to bombard Gaza, where the death toll has surpassed 34,000.
2. Existing routes out of Gaza and into the UK are insufficient. Gazans are faced with expensive border charges and the UK Home Office's biometric requirements.
3. The UK Government has previously introduced pathways for those fleeing persecution in Ukraine and Hong Kong.
4. 100,000+ people have signed a petition calling for a Gaza Family Scheme which will be debated on 13 May.

Congress believes

1. The UK government should establish a Gaza Family Scheme with the right of return protected in line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Congress resolves:

1. To call on UCU to join [this list](#) of union signatories backing the scheme.
2. To call on UCU to use its lobbying power in Parliament to support the scheme.
3. UCU should send a representative to debates pertaining to the scheme.

Late motion explanation

This urgent motion was submitted late to Congress because it was only on 18th April that the petition to the UK parliament closed, and it was only on 22nd April that a date for the Parliamentary debate was provided. There is a short window of time to get organisations to attend and support the scheme in Parliament.