

# Irene Bruegel

## 1945-2008

**SOCIALISTS AND** activists everywhere will be saddened to learn of the untimely death of Irene Bruegel at the age of 63. Irene was a member of the International Socialists and the SWP in the 1970s when she was active in Women's Voice, the rank and file women's organisation, part of her

lifelong commitment to the women's movement.

She wrote extensively on women's issues such as the family and women at work. In the 1980s and 1990s, she worked in local government—including the Greater London Council—on women's employment issues such as equal pay. In recent years, she was professor of urban planning at South Bank University. In 2001 Irene, together with her partner of 36 years Richard Kuper, founded the

campaign Jews for Justice for Palestinians (JFJFP), following a visit to the West Bank.

She returned determined to do something to support the Palestinian people.

She agitated tirelessly among British Jews against the human rights abuses of the Israeli state, for an end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories and for a just and peaceful solution to the conflict.

She also chaired JFJFP's charitable offshoot—the

British Shalom Salaam Trust—that brought assistance to grassroots projects in education, health and culture on both sides of the Green Line.

More recently, she had also become involved in the twinning project, the Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association.

Irene's boundless energy, courage and commitment will be much missed by activists in many areas of life.

**Sabby Sagall**