

Motion on Twinning Abu Dis with Camden

This Shop/Stewards Committee/Branch Committee/Branch notes:

- The construction by the Israeli state of a wall, over 650 km in length and up to 25 feet in height, running on Palestinian land in the West Bank.
- That this wall cuts off about 50% of the West Bank, running through towns and villages, separating people from their jobs and families, hospitals and schools.
- That the cost of this wall is around \$2.8million per kilometre
- The recent ruling (July 2004) by the International Court of Justice in The Hague that the wall is illegal and should be dismantled
- That the wall runs through the town of Abu Dis, in east Jerusalem
- That 'friendship links' have begun between the people of Abu Dis and people who live and work in Camden

This body believes:

- That this wall will not be a temporary security measure, but a permanent fixture that will lead to the expulsion of Palestinian people from their homes and permanent annexation of Palestinian land
- That a campaign to twin Camden with Abu Dis can both help to highlight what the wall will mean for Palestinians, and can be a way to offer solidarity and support to those affected by and opposing the construction of the wall through their town

This body therefore resolves:

- To support the campaign, initiated by Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association, to twin with Abu Dis and make a donation of £.....
- To sponsor and publicise any events, such as public meetings, which are part of the twinning campaign
- To publicise the twinning campaign to our members, and for this branch to begin direct links with a similar body in Abu Dis