



## Membership Appeal

Under the PSC Constitution, the Executive Committee is given the responsibility for considering whether to terminate the membership of an individual found to have breached the constitution, subject to appeal at the following AGM (point 4.6). Ian Donovan, having had his membership terminated, has exercised this right of appeal.

Mr Donovan was informed that the format of the appeal would be a submission of up to 400 words from him, coupled with 400 words submitted on behalf of the Executive. Mr Donovan has repeatedly declined to submit a statement of this length despite being invited to do so on numerous occasions and despite the deadline for his submission being extended multiple times. He wished that variously a 15 or 20 page document be considered by members and declined the suggestion of submitting a 400 word statement referencing the existence of a longer version. Therefore, as explained to Mr Donovan, the appeal will need to proceed in the absence of a submission by him.

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*The following is the response to the appeal from the Executive Committee:*

PSC is a proudly anti-racist organisation. Membership is only open to those in agreement with our constitutional aim to be "in opposition to racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice". It is very rarely necessary to terminate the membership of an individual on these grounds.

The termination of Ian Donovan's membership, carried out under the PSC Complaints Procedure and agreed unanimously by the Executive Committee, relates to an article published by Mr Donovan, still accessible on socialistfight.com. This contains several troubling statements, including the following:

*The CPGB's bloc with Bundist-influenced Jewish socialists such as [Redacted] and [Redacted], who have played initiating or supporting roles in various Jews-only political campaigns, such as Jews Against Zionism, Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods (JBiG) etc, only underlines this philo-semitic, Islamophobic bias. The purpose of these groups is to, by emphasising their Jewishness, to 'kosher' the Palestinian solidarity movement and parry the inevitable smears of anti-Semitism that Zionists throw at it.*

*These groups are founded on a key political opportunism. They tacitly accept a key Zionist notion that is hegemonic in today's racist society: the notion of Jewish moral superiority: that anyone who opposes Israel's oppression of the Palestinians is guilty of anti-Semitism until proven innocent.*

And further:

*Jews are the one people in the imperialist epoch that have comprehensively escaped from systematic oppression and joined the ranks of oppressor peoples in the imperialist world order.*

Mr Donovan has not sought to withdraw or apologise for the statements highlighted to him.

We do not find it acceptable to describe the existence of Jewish organisations (anti-Zionist or otherwise) as being a result of accepting "the notion of Jewish moral superiority" or that Jews as 'a people' have 'joined the ranks of oppressor peoples'. Holding such views is incompatible with the anti-racist aims of PSC.

It is therefore recommended that members vote 'NO' to reject this appeal.