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LOTHIAN PENSION FUND DIVESTMENT SPECIAL



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**LOTHIAN PENSION FUND
DIVESTS FROM BANK HAPOALIM!**

After a sustained campaign over a couple of years, Lothian Pension Fund, the second largest local authority pension fund in Scotland with 84,000 members and £8bn of assets, has divested from Israeli Bank Hapoalim.

**JOIN THE CALL: DIVEST from
Apartheid now!**

Earlier this year, campaigners were victorious as Lothian Pension Fund divested from Bank Hapoalim, an Israeli bank recognised as instrumental to the funding of Israel's illegal settlement building and dispossession of Palestinian land.

As an employee of City of Edinburgh Council, your pension contributions are paid into the Lothian Pension Fund. Pension matters are delegated to the Pensions Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council. The Pensions Committee decides the overall policy objectives, strategy and operation of the Fund. It also decides the strategy for the investment of pension fund money and monitors and reviews investment arrangements.

- #LPFDivestNow**
- Caterpillar - Lockheed Martin - BAE Systems
Northrop Grumman - Chevron - General Dynamics
Booking Holdings**
- Find out more about complicit companies at **'Time to Divest'**

On 9th July 2005, Palestinians appealed to international civil society - including Trade Unions - to support a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against the State of Israel until it complies with international law and universal principles of human rights.

During the course of 2021, both 'Human Rights Watch' and Israeli human rights organisation, 'B'Tselem', published reports outlining evidence that establishes beyond doubt that the State of Israel is guilty of policies and practices that constitute the crime of apartheid as legally defined in international law.

At the UNISON City of Edinburgh AGM in February 2021, branch members passed a motion to support 'Time to Divest', a campaign to end Scottish Local Authority Pension Fund investments in companies complicit in Israeli occupation and oppression of Palestinians.

As opportunities for in-person protest are currently limited and the Pension Committee continue to meet virtually, 'Time to Divest' and the 'Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign' are organising online to increase traffic to the Lothian Pension Fund Twitter page in the run-up to the next meeting of the Pensions Committee on:

Wednesday 29 September at 2pm

TAKE ACTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

Send a pre-prepared letter to your Lothian Councillors by following this [link](#). The 'Coordin8' website automatically finds your Councillors - and their emails - when you enter your postcode...easy!

Twitter user? Head to [@EdinburghBIRO](#), the page of the Branch International Officer, where you will find short clips that can be reTweeted. Share widely!

Create your own custom Tweet using the hashtags #LPFDivestNow from #ApartheidIsrael. Remember to tag [@LothianPension](#) to send it to the Fund's thread. Video clips available on [You Tube](#).

Facebook user? Send a friend request to 'TU McCarthy', where the Branch International Officer, Tara McCarthy, has posts available now at the top of the her page that can **be shared at the click of a button**.



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