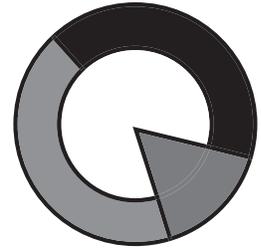


QUEERS AGAINST ISRAELI APARTHEID



WHO WE ARE

Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) came together in Toronto in 2008 to support and work in solidarity with queers in Palestine and with Palestinian solidarity movements around the world.

In response to mounting condemnation of its occupation and colonization of Palestine, Israel is cultivating an image of itself as an oasis of gay tolerance in the Middle East: a public relations tactic called pinkwashing.

As queer activists, we recognize that homophobia and transphobia exist in Israel, Palestine and across all borders. However, the struggle for sexual rights cannot come at the price of other basic human rights.

Queer Palestinians are forced to live under brutal military occupation and apartheid, subject to Israeli state control and violence. Queer Palestinians gain nothing from liberal laws within Israel that allow gay Israeli citizens to serve in the military, marry or adopt children.

WE WORK TO:

- Fight homophobia, transphobia and gender oppression wherever they exist
- Build solidarity with Palestine in queer communities
- Mobilize in solidarity with like-minded groups and individuals to advance shared goals
- Engage in a queer analysis of colonialism and anti-colonial struggles
- Build dialogue and education within antiapartheid movements through queer, anti-colonial, anti-racist, and feminist approaches
- Foster a culture of radical queer organizing

QuAIA supports the 2005 call by Palestinian civil society for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law.

THE CALL INCLUDES A COMMITMENT TO:

1. Ending Israel's occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall;
2. Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality;
3. Respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.

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