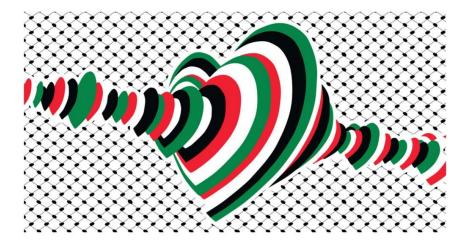
# **LOVE EUROVISION**



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Liverpool welcomes the Eurovision Song Contest this year and we are proud to be 'united by music'.

But a state that is built on racism has no place in this festival.

### **ISRAELI APARTHEID**

This year marks 75 years since the 'Nakba' (catastrophe). In 1948 Israeli armed forces forced 750,000 Palestinians to leave their homes. Those who remained in Palestine became second-class citizens and remain so to this day.

Europe is applying strict sanctions against Russia because of the Ukraine invasion. Why are there no sanctions against the apartheid state of Israel?

The time for supporting the Palestinians is now. Keeping the Israelis out of Eurovision would be a start.

## **Israel out of Eurovision**



#### THE CALL FOR A BOYCOTT

The Palestinians have for years been calling for boycott, divestment and sanctions as a way of getting Israel to respect human rights.

The boycott does not target individual artists according to their nationality, their beliefs or the content of their art. It focuses on ties to the Israeli state. Does the artist receive Israeli state funds or serve as cultural ambassador for Israel? Eurovision contestants are here to represent their country so the issue is clear. We're calling on our media and representatives to give a wide berth to the Israeli entry – and to give them *nul points*!

Music and racism do not belong together. It's as simple as that.

## Join the protests:

**Tuesday 9 May, 6.30pm** – come to a rally at the Arch on Wapping near the Eurovision venue. Israel are in the semi-final that evening. **Saturday 13 May, 1pm** – come to the steps of St Luke's church at the bottom of Hardman Street. March from there at 1.30pm to a rally at Derby Square.

### What else you can do...

- Urge your MP and council candidates to speak out for the Palestinians
- Join the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Liverpool Friends of Palestine. Get in touch (details below), come to our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and support our other events.
- Boycott Puma, Hewlett Packard and Israeli goods and services.

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