

Your pension and council tax is funding slaughter



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The Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) implements the Local Government Pension Scheme in our area. It provides pensions for council staff and others. Members of the Scheme contribute to the Fund, and draw a pension when they retire. Anyone who pays Council Tax also contributes to the Fund via their Local Authority.

Wirral Council Pensions Committee administers the MPF, on behalf of all

Merseyside Local Authorities.

The MPF invests around £11bn to finance the pensions. Around £66m is invested in 28 firms supplying the Israeli military either directly or via the US, and around £450k is invested in four Israeli banks supplying the illegal settlements on the occupied West Bank. Some firms also supply the Saudi regime with weapons used against civilians in Yemen, and some also supply the US and UK nuclear weapons programmes.

The MPF could easily divest with minimal impact on the total Fund, because £66m is just 0.6% of the Fund's assets.

Our campaign – supported by Unison North West region, Wirral TUC and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign – demands that the MPF divest from the identified arms firms and banks. We say that workers and Council Tax payers have every right to demand that their deferred wages and taxes are not used to slaughter civilians, prop up illegal colonies on occupied land, or supply weapons of mass destruction.

Learn more and find out how you can help. Use the QR code to email the Pensions Committee.

**Demonstrate 5pm Tues 30th July
before Pensions Committee meeting**

**Wallasey Town Hall CH44 8ED – venue may
change! Look out for updates re venue.**



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