

SCOTTISH PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN – ABERDEEN BRANCH

Sponsor us to walk the length of the Gaza Strip and help power Palestine

On Saturday 13th June, supporters of Palestine will **walk the 40 kilometre (25 mile) length of the Gaza Strip** along the Aberdeenshire coastline.

This is to raise awareness of the **desperate power and resource situation in Gaza**. Rafat Abu-Shaban, a Palestinian activist living in Gaza, reports:

*"The current power crisis in the Gaza strip is at an all-time high, with cuts ranging from 12-18 hours daily and impacting the lives of 1.8 million people. This has been affecting basic services such as **water supply, sanitation, health and education**. Life has become increasingly difficult with a tightened siege that has blocked basic goods, including fuel used to run emergency generators, while aid and reconstruction efforts are paralyzed as a result of funding shortage coupled with the ongoing Israeli blockade"*

Aberdeen SPSC is planning a delegation to Gaza in October this year. Working in cooperation with our partners in Gaza, one of the main objectives of the delegation is to raise awareness of how energy apartheid and the recent massacre in Gaza have impacted on the rights of Gazans to access education. As part of this we are raising funds for **solar-powered lamps**, which we aim to donate to the **104 Gazan university students** who receive scholarships from MECA (Middle Eastern Children's Alliance), enabling them to **continue their studies** as well as helping meet the **daily power needs of their families**.

The majority of the money raised by the walk will go towards purchase of the solar powered lamps. The remainder will contribute towards delegation costs.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY! (Sponsor form on reverse)



