

In the run up to the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November, the University and College Union (UCU) condemns Israel's systematic destruction of educational and cultural institutions in Palestine. This process – known as scholasticide – has included the physical destruction of all universities in Gaza as well as the killing and injuring of thousands of students and staff.

UCU sends our solidarity to our colleagues in Palestine who are participating in a Week of Action ('United against scholasticide') between the 23-29 November. The Week of Action is part of the struggle to resist Israel's policy of scholasticide in occupied Palestine and will culminate in the [Right to Education Marathon](#).

UCU members can participate in the 'Virtual International Marathon' or simply donate in support, with all proceeds going to the [\(Isnad\)](#) fundraising initiative for Gaza's universities. Supporting Gaza's students in this way follows the priorities of the [Emergency Committee for the Universities of Gaza](#), which is calling on the international academic community to avoid measures that bypass or erode the integrity of existing academic institutions in Gaza.

We encourage UCU members and branches to use the next [national workplace day of action for Palestine on Thursday 28 November](#) to raise awareness of the ongoing campaign of scholasticide and support the rebuilding of Gaza's higher education institutions in line with the priorities of the Emergency Committee for the Universities of Gaza.