

Below is a template of an email to send to Peter Matheison, Colm Harmon and Lucy Evans; principal@ed.ac.uk; vp.students@ed.ac.uk; lucy.evans@ed.ac.uk

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns after learning that this university has allowed and platformed an IDF soldier on our campus.

I am appalled to learn that my university is allowing soldiers who took part in an active genocide to walk on our campus, take part in our classes, and participate in private meetings with administration to discuss campus safety. How does this university, which claims to care for student safety, justify this? This university has used the word “threatening” to refer to student protests against UoE’s complicity in genocide and to describe a memorial erected in honor of martyrs killed in the genocide, so it is beyond comprehension that it allows individuals who have served in an active genocide to walk among us as though that is not threatening. This is an unacceptable double standard that urgently needs to be addressed.

Having IDF soldiers on campus is accepting, legitimizing and celebrating Israel’s genocide on Palestine. Our university should not be offering opportunities to them. As a student, I wish to strongly urge you to take action to ensure that, at present and in the future, no one who took part in genocide is allowed a space in this institution.

Signed,

Your name