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**From:** Group Analysts for Palestine (GA4PAL)

**To:** Psychoanalytic Voices for Palestine (PVP)  
& Colleagues



Dear Colleagues at PVP and Associated Networks,

### **Motion in Solidarity with Palestine at the Institute of Group Analysis, London**

At a time of profound and deeply disturbing socio-political upheaval and moral incongruence, we wanted to share with you a piece of encouraging news: at the Institute of Group Analysis (IGA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 7th March, a motion to upload GA4PAL's *Statement in Solidarity with Palestine* to the IGA website was carried.

The result was unexpected and came despite strong resistance from some small but influential voices. More broadly, concerns were raised about the importance of protecting the IGA's position as a charity, as well as avoiding alienating some members. In response, and in part to moderate the language, we agreed to make some amendments to the statement, which in fact were necessary, as the original version was far too long. We are attaching the revised statement, which we hope will be uploaded to the website soon. We understand that appeals against the motion have been lodged, and we will keep you informed of any developments.

Meanwhile, in a profession that can at times feel rooted in a quiet pro-Zionist agenda, this development carries particular significance. It suggests that space - however tentative - is opening up for group analysis to engage more fully and meaningfully with the socio-political realities shaping people's lives, and that the power to make a difference lies in the collective courage of the community, rather than with the small minority who govern it.

This is also happening at a time when many of us are experiencing strain on our own mental health, living amidst denial and gaslighting. We hope that this news brings a sense of encouragement, possibility, and renewed motivation to those within our profession who are working to challenge oppression and to break the silence surrounding conversations about Palestine. We also hope it helps to galvanise continued action and development around the *Universal Ethical Framework for Mental Health Practitioners* issued by Psychoanalytic Voices for Palestine (PVP).

Finally, we would like to acknowledge that key individuals who supported the submission and successful carrying of this motion were Jewish colleagues opposed to Zionism. We wish to express our gratitude to those colleagues, along with Dick Blackwell, and to all who supported this effort and are courageously taking a stand and bearing witness in the face of widening and escalating atrocities in Palestine, Lebanon, and Iran.

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**For and on behalf of Group Analysts for Palestine**