

Dear Donna Speed,

We are outraged that We The Curious, a science centre for children, is supporting arms companies selling weapons to Israel, while Israel commits genocide against Palestinians.

A plaque in the museum celebrated Leonardo UK as a sponsor. Leonardo UK makes F35 fighter jet parts that have been sold to Israel and used in Israel's genocidal campaign in Gaza.

More recently, We The Curious hosted a conference by insurer AXA, who fund many arms companies that also provide weapons to Israel, including Rolls-Royce, Lockheed Martin, and L3Harris.

We The Curious aims to be an inclusive space for all. While you prop up the reputations of these companies by working with them, it is abundantly clear that you are failing in your ethics.

The number of Palestinian children killed, maimed and displaced, using the weapons made by companies you work with, is far too horrific to fully come to terms with. Do you include these children in your ethical calculus?

James Baldwin said: "the children are always ours, every single one of them, all over the globe; and I am beginning to suspect that whoever is incapable of recognizing this may be incapable of morality". We will not rest or stand by while you continue to work with arms companies that are complicit in the mass murder of Palestinian children. We will use all our power to expose your unethical and immoral behaviour, until you reassess your position. We, the people of Bristol, are capable of morality, and it is time to show us that you can be.

We demand the following:

- Stop taking funds from all arms companies, including in particular those profiting from Israel's genocide in Palestine
- Donate the money you received from Leonardo UK to a charity supporting Palestinians, such as Medical Aid for Palestinians
- State publicly that you are refusing to take funds from arms companies, and calling on other institutions in our city to do the same
- Sign up to Bristol Apartheid Free Zone

Sincerely,

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