

## Annex 9

### The banning of JVL's education programme

JVL has, at their request, provided antisemitism workshops since 2018 to many CLPs. We have never presented these as official workshops or claimed that they were part of the training that the Labour Party has committed itself to provide. But our facilitators are highly qualified and experienced and include three distinguished Professors of Education (see cv's on our [education webpage](#))

As we say:

"Our focus is on helping participants to develop for themselves their own understanding and to look at antisemitism in the context of racism and other forms of discrimination. We offer free group workshops (currently on Zoom) for people inside or outside the Labour Party."

We say further:

JVL works in harmony with the Labour Party Code of Conduct:

*"The Labour Party will ensure that the party is a welcoming home to members of all communities, with no place for any prejudice or discrimination based on race, ethnicity or religion."*

Our workshops help groups explore a subject that many find perplexing and some deeply troubling. We can help you understand these issues with a view to changing attitudes, in line with Labour's anti-racist and egalitarian principles.

We use participatory methods, talks and discussion to illuminate the issues and help you campaign with sensitivity and confidence.

We have therefore been greatly disconcerted to find our workshops not simply being discouraged but facing outright hostility and obstruction and in some cases cancelled on *instruction* from Regional Officers in the Labour Party. See our Jan 2021 report [Why can't Jews talk about antisemitism?](#)

We repeat. We have never claimed to be official Party providers (though we believe we should be considered for this role, with an enormous amount to contribute). We have [serious reservations](#) about the approach the Party has adopted and believe above all these issues need to be open to debate and discussion.

We feel that as Jewish members of the Party we have been excluded on the basis that we are Jews who hold the "wrong" opinions.