

Mr Robert Pitt
24 Georgiana Street
London
NW1 0EA

By Email Only: pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday, 13 February 2024

Membership: A423795
Case Reference: CAS-02353-Y0W7X

Dear Mr Pitt,

Notice of Investigation

Our records show that you have failed to complete a mandatory training course (Sanctions Training: Antisemitism), which is a requirement of your membership pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.I.F of the Labour Party Rule Book.¹

Your conduct may therefore be in breach of Chapter 2, Clause I.II of the Labour Party Rule Book (**the Rules**)² and requires investigation.

Allegation 1: Failure to complete mandatory training

1. You were issued with the letter, "Notice of Requirement to Complete Training" on 01 April 2022.³
2. You were reminded of the requirement to complete the training by letter on 20 June 2022 and by email on 06 March 2023 and 15 January 2024.⁴
3. Our records show that you have not completed the training.⁵

¹ Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F of the Labour Party Rule Book as amended by the 2021 Annual Conference (the **Rules**) provides:

"The NEC may require any member against whom a disciplinary sanction or warning is imposed to complete a course of equality and diversity training in accordance with this sub-clause [...] The NEC may require members to complete any training under Chapter 6.I.1.F within a specified period of time or by a certain date ('the Specified Period'). The NEC may suspend any member who fails to complete such training within the Specified Period in which case that member shall only be suspended from the day after the expiry of the Specified Period until the day on which the Party receives evidence confirming the completion of the training."

² <https://labour.org.uk/rulebook>

³ Exhibit 1

⁴ Exhibits 2 and 3

⁵ Exhibit 5

Next Steps

Please find below further information about the allegation(s), and questions that require your response. Please provide a written response to the questions, by email to disputes@labour.org.uk, within 14 days of this letter, quoting your case reference.

The email address that we will be corresponding with during the course of this investigation is pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk. If this email address is incorrect, please call 0345 092 2299 to update it.

We are currently at the investigation stage of the complaints process. It is important to note that at no time during an investigation does the Party confer an assumption of guilt on any party.

Confidentiality

The Party's investigation process operates confidentially. This is crucial to ensure fairness to you and the complainant, to maintain the integrity of the investigation, and to protect the rights of all concerned under the Data Protection Act 2018.

You must keep all information and correspondence relating to this investigation private. You may not share it with unauthorised third parties or the media. You may not share it on social media.

However, you may disclose the above information for the purpose of and in order to obtain legal advice, medical support, social support, or support from close family members or trade unions.

If you fail to maintain confidentiality in this investigation, the Party reserves the right to take further disciplinary action to protect confidentiality pursuant to Chapter 2, Clause I.11 of the Rule Book and the Code of Conduct: Confidentiality and Privacy.

You can find more information about your rights and responsibilities with respect to the confidentiality of the investigation at <https://labour.org.uk/members/my-welfare/rules-and-codes-of-conduct/labours-confidentiality-and-privacy-policy/>

Support

You can find details of organisations who can offer support for your health and wellbeing here:

<https://labour.org.uk/complaints/#support>

Where necessary you may also make a disclosure about the investigation and the complaint that has been made against you for the purpose of and in order to obtain legal advice, medical or social support from close friends and family members or your trade union.

If you have questions about the investigation process, please contact the Disputes Team at disputes@labour.org.uk quoting the case reference at the top of this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Disputes Team

Governance and Legal Unit

The Labour Party

c.c. London Labour

Please respond to the following questions to the email address outlined in your letter within 14 days of the date on page 1.

Allegation 1: Failure to complete mandatory training

- 1) Please see the evidence attached, which shows that you have been informed that you were required to complete the mandatory training module, 'Sanctions Training: Antisemitism' but have failed to do so. Please explain why you have failed to complete this mandatory training?

- 2) Chapter 2, Clause 1.11 of the Labour Party Rule Book provides:

"No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is prejudicial, or in any act which in the opinion of the NEC is grossly detrimental to the Party. The NEC and NCC shall take account of any codes of conduct currently in force and shall regard any incident which in their view might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment or identity; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation as conduct prejudicial to the Party: these shall include but not be limited to incidents involving racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia or otherwise racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions, sexual harassment, bullying or any form of intimidation towards another person on the basis of a protected characteristic as determined by the NEC, wherever it occurs, as conduct prejudicial to the Party. The disclosure of confidential information relating to the Party or to any other member, unless the disclosure is duly authorised or made pursuant to a legal obligation, shall also be considered conduct prejudicial to the Party."

Do you believe that your conduct has been compatible with this rule? If so, please explain why.

Exhibit 1a

The Labour Party

Head Office

Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E
6QT Labour Central, Kings Manor,
Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 6PA
0345 092 2299 | labour.org.uk/contact

Mr Robert Pitt,
24 Georgiana Street,
London,
NW10EA

01 April 2022

Ref: A423795

Dear Mr Pitt,

Notice of Requirement to Complete Training

We are writing to inform you that you are required to complete a training course because a panel of the National Executive Committee (the **NEC Panel**) found that you had engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish.

You have been enrolled on a module on the Labour Party's e-learning platform, Achieve. You must complete this training within 4 weeks of the date at the top of the letter.¹ For avoidance of doubt, you must complete this training by 17.30 on 29 April 2022.

You may log into Achieve by clicking on the following link or typing it into your browser:
<https://achieve.labour.org.uk/>

If you require more time to complete this training, please email sanctions_training@labour.org.uk setting out the reasons for this. We will assess your request and inform you whether it has been accepted or rejected.

If you have any technical issues accessing the e-learning module, please email sanctions_training@labour.org.uk and a member of staff will try to assist you.

If you fail to complete this training by 29 April 2022 you shall be and remain suspended from membership of the Labour Party until such time as the training has been completed. You may also be subject to further disciplinary action.

Yours sincerely,
The Governance and Legal Unit
The Labour Party



Exhibit 1b

The Labour Party

¹ Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F of the Labour Party Rule Book as amended by the 2021 Annual Conference (the Rules) provides:

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Exhibit 2

The Labour Party

Governance and Legal Unit

Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QT

<https://labour.org.uk/contact>

Mr Robert Pitt,
24 Georgiana Street,
London,
NW10EA

BY EMAIL ONLY: pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk

20 June 2022

Ref: A423795

Dear Mr Pitt,

Notice of Administrative Suspension

The Labour Party (**the Party**) wrote to you previously to inform you that you were required to complete an online training course within four weeks of that letter pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F of the Labour Party Rule Book (**the Rules**).¹

We write to inform you that our records indicate that you have not completed this online course within the requisite four-week period and that you have not contacted the Party to request an extension or explain why you have not completed the course.

Consequently, we have administratively suspended your membership of the Labour Party pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F.ii of the Rules. Such suspension will remain in effect until the day on which the Party receives evidence confirming that you have completed the requisite training.

This means that you cannot attend any Party meetings, including meetings of your own branch, constituency, or annual conference; you cannot hold office within the Party; the Party cannot consider you for selection as a candidate to represent the Party at an election at any level; and you cannot represent the Party.

If you consider that you have received this letter in error and that you have completed the requisite training, please send that evidence to sanctions_training@labour.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Disputes Team
Governance and Legal Unit
The Labour Party

c.c. London Labour

¹ <https://labour.org.uk/rulebook>

labour.org.uk



Exhibit 3

From: Sanctions Training
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Robert Pitt <pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Final Notice to Complete Training

Dear Mr Pitt,

As you are aware, the Labour Party (the Party) wrote to you on 01 April 2022 to inform you that you were required to complete an online training course within four weeks of that letter pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F of the Labour Party Rule Book (the Rules).

On 20 June 2022 the Party administratively suspended your membership of the Labour Party pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F.ii of the Rules for failing to complete this course within the requisite four weeks. You were informed that this suspension would remain in effect until the day on which the Party received evidence confirming that you have completed the requisite training.

Our records show that you have still not completed this course.

We have granted you an additional opportunity to complete the course with a deadline of **4pm on Friday, 26 January 2024**. If you do not complete the course within this timeframe then the Party will be required to take further disciplinary action against you to resolve the matter.

You can access the course by visiting <https://achieve.labour.org.uk> and searching for, 'Sanctions Training: Antisemitism'.

If you have any questions please email us at this inbox.

Kind regards,
The Sanctions Training Team

The Party's investigation process operates confidentially. That is vital to ensure fairness to you and the complainant, and to protect the rights of all concerned under the Data Protection Act 2018. Please keep all information and correspondence relating to this investigation private and do not share it with third parties or the media, including social media.

The Party reserves the right to take action to protect confidentiality, and you may be liable to disciplinary action for breach of the Rules if you do not keep information and correspondence confidential. You can find more information about your rights and responsibilities here: <https://labour.org.uk/members/my-welfare/my-rights-and-responsibilities/labours-confidentiality-and-privacy-policy/>

From: Sanctions Training
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:19 PM

To: pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk

Subject: Final Notice to Complete Training

Importance: High

Dear Mr Pitt,

As you are aware, the Labour Party (the Party) wrote to you on 01 April 2022 to inform you that you were required to complete an online training course within four weeks of that letter pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F of the Labour Party Rule Book (the Rules).

On 20 June 2022 the Party administratively suspended your membership of the Labour Party pursuant to Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F.ii of the Rules for failing to complete this course within the requisite four weeks. You were informed that this suspension would remain in effect until the day on which the Party received evidence confirming that you have completed the requisite training.

Our records show that you have still not completed this course.

We have granted you an additional and final two weeks access to this course commencing 12pm today and ending 5pm, 20 March 2023. If you do not complete the course within this timeframe then the Party will be required to take further disciplinary action against you to resolve the matter.

You can access the course by visiting <https://achieve.labour.org.uk> and searching for, 'Sanctions Training: Antisemitism'.

If you have any questions please email us at this inbox.

Kind regards,
The Sanctions Training Team

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The Party reserves the right to take action to protect confidentiality, and you may be liable to disciplinary action for breach of the Rules if you do not keep information and correspondence confidential. You can find more information about your rights and responsibilities here: <https://labour.org.uk/members/my-welfare/my-rights-and-responsibilities/labours-confidentiality-and-privacy-policy/>

Exhibit 4

From: Robert Pitt <pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:03 PM
To: Sanctions Training <sanctions_training@labour.org.uk>
Subject: Re: Final Notice to Complete Training
Dear Sanctions Training Team

Please find attached: (1) my response to your email of 15 January 2024; (2) my letter of 14 March 2023; and (3) my letter of 18 April 2022.

Kind regards
Robert Pitt

From: Robert Pitt <pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:48 AM
To: Sanctions Training <sanctions_training@labour.org.uk>
Subject: Re: Final Notice to Complete Training

This email originates external to the Labour Party network.

Please find attached:

1. My response to your email
2. My letter of 18 April 2022, which you appear to have ignored

From: Robert Pitt <pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 7:06 PM
To: Investigations <investigations@labour.org.uk>
Subject:

This email originates external to the Labour Party network.

Ref: A423795
Case No: CN-2514

Please find attached my response to the Notice of Requirement to Complete Training dated 1 April.

24 Georgiana Street
London NW1 0EA
25 January 2024

Dear Sanctions Training Team,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email of 15 January. You insist on sending me these threatening messages even though I have made my position on this issue quite clear.

Please find attached (1) my letter of 14 March 2023, which you have ignored; and (2) my letter of 18 April 2022, which you also ignored. I have nothing to add to the points I made in those letters.

However, to summarise, my participation in the training course is dependent on your retraction of the false accusation that I have "engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish".

Kind regards
Robert Pitt

24 Georgiana Street
London NW1 0EA
14 March 2023

Dear Sanctions Training Team,

As you are aware, I replied to the Notice of Requirement to Complete Training, dated 1 April 2022, in a letter of 18 April 2022. The points made in that letter still stand.

Unless you retract your vile and entirely false accusation that I have "engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish" – which has no basis in reality, or the actual decision taken by the NEC disciplinary panel – I shall not be participating in the training course. If I were to do so, it would signify that I accepted the validity of that disgraceful smear.

In the event of my expulsion from the party, I shall of course be making all of this correspondence public.

Kind regards,
Robert Pitt

24 Georgiana Street
London NW1 0EA
18 April 2022

Dear Governance and Legal Unit,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Notice of Requirement to Complete Training, dated 1 April (ref: A423795).

You claim that an NEC panel found that I had "engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish".

The NEC made no such finding. How could they? I have never in my life demonstrated prejudice or hostility towards anyone on the basis of their Jewish identity. On the contrary, I have an

established record of opposing antisemitism, including inside the Labour Party.

The NEC in fact found against me on the basis of three comments I had made on social media. It was held that these comments amounted to conduct that “undermined the Labour Party’s ability to campaign against racism and was personally abusive”.

I was said to have contravened the Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism by using the words “witch-hunt” and “hysteria” in relation to the campaign against antisemitism in the Labour Party.

The section of the Code of Conduct I was found to have breached was obviously the one that states “behaviour or use of language which ... undermines Labour’s ability to campaign against any form of racism, is unacceptable conduct”.

There was no suggestion that my use of the terms “witch-hunt” and “hysteria” was motivated by, or expressed, hostility or prejudice towards Jewish people.

The third offence was that I told Adam Langleben to “fuck off”. (I was in fact quoting his own words back at him.) This was held to be in breach the Code of Conduct: Social Media Policy, which prohibits “abusive behaviour”.

Again, there was no suggestion that my comment was motivated by, or expressed, hostility or prejudice towards Langleben on the basis of his Jewish identity.

If I had indeed been guilty of “conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish” the NEC would have expelled me, or at the very least imposed an extended period of suspension, and rightly so. As it was, I received just a formal warning.

As you might expect, I disagreed with the NEC’s findings against me. I was, however, pleased that it rejected most of the absurd list of charges that the GLU Disputes Team had concocted by copying-and-pasting a lot of illiterate gibberish from the notorious crank and serial complainant Ben Santhouse.

Instead of accepting that you got it wrong, the GLU has decided to misrepresent the NEC’s decision and raise a false accusation of antisemitism against me.

What I propose is: (1) that you withdraw the 1 April notice; (2) that you retract the accusation of antisemitism, and apologise for smearing me; and (3) that you send another notice amended so it reflects the actual decision made by the NEC.

After I receive your apology and the revised notice I will of course be prepared to consider the request to sign up to the training course.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Pitt

Exhibit 5

Sanctions Training: antisemitism

Course Information Settings **Participants** Grades More ▾

RP **Robert Pitt**

User details [Edit profile](#)

Email address
pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk

Country
United Kingdom

Timezone
Europe/London

Course details

Roles
Learner

Group
April 2022 Week 1

Miscellaneous

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Last access to course
Never

Last IP address
None