

# Protests at EICC target local employer Leonardo

## Protests took place on Tuesday morning at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Saying No to Arms Dealers.

Local employer Leonardo is taking part in the event being held in the building run by EICC on behalf of the council which owns it today and tomorrow.

The protesters, some of whom represented the group Revolutionary Socialism Edinburgh – a Marxist organisation with branches around Britain – say that the firm supplies laser targeting hardware for military use.

The SPIE conference – Sensors + Imaging exhibition 2024 – is a free to attend event. SPIE is the international society for optics and photonics.

A spokesperson said that Leonardo make the laser targeting system for the F35 which is one of the types of planes being used to bomb Gaza. Around 40,000 people have been killed and 90,000 injured in the bombardment.

*Protesters from Revolutionary Socialism Edinburgh took up position outside the EICC on Tuesday highlighting that Leonardo are involved in an “arms dealers conference” there. They played recordings of bombings involving aircraft fitted with systems provided by the company*  
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Protests outside the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) against the SPIE Sensor and Imaging exhibition which is taking place there.

Leonardo are exhibiting at the event. Protesters allege the firm supplies laser targeting hardware for military use.

Picture Alan Simpson



































