

The decision not to award the prize to James Bridle as a signatory of the call to boycott all Israeli cultural institutions was explained in detail by the Foundation - see press release dated 18 November.

The fact that the Foundation accuses James Bridle of 'anti-Semitism' is decidedly not true.

We do not know where this accusation has been publicised.

Rather, we see a one-sided call for a boycott as a refusal to engage in dialogue.

Many people in Israel have friends in Palestine / the Gaza Strip - and vice versa.

They must be supported. So that new friendships can develop as a basis for peace.

The Schelling Foundation is of the opinion that a unilateral call for a boycott is not a suitable way to initiate or support peace initiatives.