

Left Unity Executive Committee Minutes 3 October 2015, Manchester Friends House

1. Minutes and Matters arising

a) Safe Spaces motion to conference

Kate to write to SOC asking them to be flexible about the inclusion of the motion because it was sent to the wrong email address.

b) Student protest on 4 November

EC agreed to endorse and publicise the demo

c) NC by-elections

Terry is organising the by-elections for the NC places.

d) Online petitions and website

Agreed to put our petitions on the website and publicise it through there.

We will also put up more local coverage when branches send in more information

e) Meeting point for the Manchester demonstration

There was confusion over the meeting point for LU on the demo as some comrades thought it was in Salford but there was nothing noted in the NC minutes that agreed that. The officers group called a meeting point near the start of the demo for our members coming by coach to get to more easily.

Apologies for the confusion from the officers.

2. Political context discussion

EC had a discussion about the situation after the LP leadership election.

3. European Left Party

We have been given observer status by the ELP

4. Keep Our NHS public affiliation

Agreed to ask Micheline and one other to be our representatives on the NHS campaigning group.

5. Leeds motion on Central and West branch

Matthew introduced. After a debate the motion was passed by the EC.

6. Europe and the referendum

Felicity introduced her document. Agreed to put it on the website

7. Conference

Kate to keep in touch with SOC about any invited speakers, for instance from other ELPs and campaigns and to inform SOC of EC view on theming subjects for the priorities ballot, taking national secretary's welcome and report first, the future of the party debate, and then taking main SOC report after the first debate.

There will be a pooled fare at the conference but people need to book tickets now to keep costs down. Kate reported that there had been no requests for childcare facilities yet, and currently offers of accommodation are greater than requests.

Simon will put together a reading pack for members that will be put on the website.

8. Friends of Left Unity

Simon and Andrew will compile the FOLU email list in the coming weeks and advertise inter:change through it.