

Left Unity Executive Committee – Minutes 21st May 2016

Attendance: Kate, Len, Jon, Alice, Bob, Terry, Joseph, graham, Janet, Sharon, Darren, Bianca, Felicity

Apologies: Andrew, Olly, Eve, Steve, Richard, Nick, Kath, Doug, Ann

1. Minutes of NC
 - a. Page 2 Proposals
 - i. 1-4 have been enacted
 - ii. 5 FAQs needs someone to draft it
 - iii. 6 on EC agenda
 - b. Housing – update to go into leaflet which will be ready before the housing demo on June 18th.
 - c. Trident – now into second phase of consultation which ends on June 8th.
 - d. Health – proposal from Bob F on establishing a working group on social care not in the minutes.
 - e. Trade Unions – need update from Oliver about June 7th Trade Councils meeting.
 - f. Rosa Luxemburg Forum have cancelled the proposed meeting on June 11th and looking to event possibly in Autumn with Left Unity.
 - g. Solidarity statement – check with Martin.
2. Assessment of May Elections – Terry introduced
 - a. Proposals:
 - i. Step up work around fracking;
 - ii. Support NUS president;
 - iii. Need to clearly link austerity and exploitation.
 - iv. Need to consider how to appeal to young people.
 - v. June EC to examine the relationship between the local and national elections and establish the outlines of the National Conference in October.
 - vi. Contact People before Profit in the 6 Counties.
 - vii. Need to organise a discussion on devolution.
 - viii. Need to respond to White Paper on Higher Education.
 - b. All proposals accepted.
3. Referendum Campaign – Joseph and Felicity introduced.
 - a. New leaflet being produced.
 - b. Proposals:
 - i. Circulate information about Another Europe is Possible speaking tour and encourage members to attend.
 - ii. Contact Plan B about their meetings on referendum.
 - iii. Encourage LU branches to hold public meetings on outcome of referendum.
 - iv. Circulate TTIP article.
 - v. LU to promote Bill of Rights.
 - vi. Increase coverage of workers struggles across Europe.
 - vii. Put Lens FAQs onto website.
 - c. All proposals accepted unanimously.
4. International.
 - a. Latin America – introduced by Kate.
 - i. Agreed to increase solidarity with struggles in Latin America and increase coverage on website.
 - b. European Left – Len reported and proposals in his document accepted.
5. Media – Bianca reported.
 - a. Agreed to build up bank of video blogs and a bank of photographs of our work locally and nationally.

6. Membership – Richard allocating members to branch areas.
7. Finance – Alice reported.
8. Ken's Film - Felicity reported and proposed that there should be a LU presence at the screenings and we need a leaflet, with a membership form, for these screenings.
 - a. Agreed to have an interview with Ken for the website.
9. Sister Party Meetings.
 - a. Awami Workers Party meetings, 3rd and 5th June.
 - i. Sharon to organise a representative to attend meeting in Birmingham on 5th June.
 - b. Bloco meeting in Portugal 24 – 26th June – Terry to attend.
 - c. French CP 1 – 4th June – Bianca to attend.
 - d. European Left Meeting Alternatives to NATO 2 – 3rd June – Jon to attend.
10. Dates of next meetings
 - a. EC – 18th June London
 - b. NC 16th July Birmingham.