

Join with Labour Left Internationalists to get the Tories out, push Labour, and revitalise the labour movement so that we can win a government which really serves the working class. This broadsheet tells you about the causes which Labour Left Internationalists supports in the labour movement, and about some of the campaigns LLI works with or supports. □ **20p**

VOTE LABOUR, BUT ORGANISE THE LEFT: MAKE THE LABOUR MOVEMENT ABLE TO WIN A GOVERNMENT WHICH REALLY SERVES THE WORKING CLASS

Labour Left Internationalists, formerly Momentum Internationalists, is a network of Labour Party members founded in 2020 by supporters of left anti-Brexit campaign Labour for a Socialist Europe. We are campaigning for Labour in the 4 July election. Even securing the minimal promises that the Labour leaders have reduced policy to will be important: repealing the Minimum Service Law and the 2016 Trade Union Act, curbing zero-hours contract, worker rights from day one, collective bargaining for social care workers.

We push also for Labour to implement the many better policies passed by Labour conferences. We work with other campaigns within the Labour Party on those policies.

Our sights are set higher. We reject the line of Keir Starmer since 2021 that Labour must be “pro-business” and pro-worker only in so far as that circle can be squared.

We aim to be a lever to transform and revitalise the whole labour movement so that it can generate a different sort of labour government: a government based on and accountable to a lively and democratic labour movement, and challenging capitalist power on that basis. A government which serves the working class as well as the Tories have long served the profiteer class.

We work to transform the Labour Party, including campaigning for thoroughgoing structural changes including open selection. Party conference should determine party policy and manifestos.

In the the trade unions, we push for bottom-up decision-making and minimal bureaucracy. Union members should decide how the union



intervenes in the Labour party.

We push for a democratisation of the British state, with decentralised power and a fairer voting system

We want to turn the labour movement so it can actively participate in a struggle, rather than seeing politics as a series of parliamentary manoeuvres and internal elections, or waiting until the next election.

We want a Socialist Green New Deal including the full Labour Party conference policy, expanded to include public ownership of banking and finance and opposition to airport expansion.

We believe that taking a strong stand against racism, sexism, transphobia, and all other bigotry

and oppression is not an optional extra in class struggle but a core part of it.

We call on Labour councils to join their workforces and communities in fighting cuts, and advocate tackling social problems with structural social reform rather than repressive “law and order” policies.

We challenge, not accommodate, right wing ideas about nation, race and immigration. The working class is all of us, everywhere, and we must fight against attempts to reduce it to a parochial, cultural or ethnic monolith.

We stand in solidarity with workers and oppressed minorities across the globe. □

CEASEFIRE, AID TO GAZA, PEACE, TWO STATES

Since October 2023 Labour Left Internationalist supporters have pushed resolutions through many local Labour Parties demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, peace, freeing the hostages, and “two states”, and supporting the “Standing Together” anti-war movement in Israel.

We have also joined the ceasefire demonstrations. We support UK Friends of Standing Together,

That’s been part of the pressure which has turned the Labour leaders to backing a ceasefire and suspension of military shipments from Britain to Israel. But we continue to argue for Labour to have a forthright and campaigning profile, for example for Labour to revive its policy of recognising a state of Palestine. □

LABOUR CAMPAIGN FOR COUNCIL HOUSING

LLI supports the Labour Campaign for Council Housing. LCCH won support from many local Labour Parties for this proposal to Labour conference 2023.

Britain's housing crisis denies millions of people their right to a decent home. Labour in government must resolve this with a new generation of council housing, liberating those living in the poor quality and expensive private rental sector.

Abolishing Right to Buy, as in Wales and Scotland, will stop the loss of desperately needed homes, and rent revenue for councils. It has the added advantage of being a

cost-free policy.

Improving quality, standards and enforcement across tenures is urgent. Retrofitting all existing homes, including non-carbon heating, is necessary for improving living conditions as well as tackling climate change.

- Fund 150,000 social rent homes a year, including at least 100,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) council homes with secure tenancies;
- End "affordable rent" and fixed term tenancies;
- Fund the retrofitting of all council housing;
- Invest in Direct Labour Organisa-

tions to create well paid, unionised jobs and apprenticeships to deliver this;

- Review council housing debt;
- Reintroduce rent controls;
- Compulsory registration and regulation of private rental homes, with high energy efficiency and quality standards;
- License landlords and agents, and increase funding for councils to regulate the sector;
- Empower councils to restrict, license and tax holiday homes and AirBnBs;
- Properly regulate temporary and supported accommodation. □

KEEP OUR NHS PUBLIC

Keep Our NHS Public is not a Labour Party group, but KoNHSP policies have wide support in the Labour Party, and LLI helps campaign for those policies.

The NHS founding principles were sound, but the steady privatisation and defunding of our NHS has led to the worst crisis and worst performance in its history.

What we are calling for

- Ensure access to health care is based on need, free at the point of use
- Uphold the founding principles of the NHS: universal, comprehensive care
- Provide free NHS care and treatment for everyone in the UK at the time of need
- Abolish NHS charges for migrants living in the UK
- Commit to all NHS clinical and support services being publicly funded and managed, and bring back outsourced services into the NHS where they belong

- End the diversion of NHS funding into private hospitals

- Bring annual NHS funding up to the average per-person funding of comparable economies (e.g. France, Germany, Netherlands) and paid for through a revised tax system including tax on wealth and unearned income

- Invest new capital funding to restore infrastructure and meet standards required for comprehensive, responsive, and efficient healthcare

- Restore NHS buildings and bed numbers, ensure scanners and other equipment are provided.

- Restore safe patient care, job safety and satisfaction for all health and care staff by providing safe staffing levels, decent pay and career progression. □

» Abridged from <https://keepournhspublic.com/our-vision-for-a-peoples-nhs/>

LABOUR CAMPAIGN FOR FREE MOVEMENT

Fourteen years of Tory rule have compounded decades of hostile policy to give the UK a cruel, racist and nonsensical border regime. Ending free movement with Europe was the biggest expansion of border controls in decades. The Hostile Environment and "no recourse to public funds" policies have driven many migrants into destitution. We now have a de-facto ban on seeking asylum.

This agenda is an attack on everyone. The Tories want to scapegoat migrants for their own failings - falling wages, the housing crisis and crumbling public services. And by stripping migrants' rights, they leave

migrant workers vulnerable to exploitation. The truth is, our society has enough wealth to create decent jobs, homes and services for everyone - if we tax the rich and big business.

Labour must reverse this legacy. We call on the next Labour government to:

Cancel any scheduled Rwanda flights and bring back anyone already deported there

- Close all immigration detention centres and halt deportations
- Guarantee safe and legal routes for asylum seekers
- Scrap "no recourse to public funds" and give everyone day-one

equal access to work, social security, housing and public services

- Abolish the Hostile Environment
- Bring back and extend free movement

We will put forward clear policies for migrants' rights and equality at Labour's annual conference, and we will organise our CLPs and trade unions to protest and to defend ourselves, our neighbours and co-workers. We invite everyone in our movement to join us. □

» Sign the open letter: www.labour-freemovement.org/ge24-open-letter/

LLI'S PUSH WITHIN THE LABOUR PARTY

These are some of LLI's comments on Labour's 2023 National Policy Forum debates. We keep pushing on these ideas.

A Labour government should retain the option of extra borrowing, over a short period but maybe more than a year, to fund recovery. In any case, it should tax the rich to revive the NHS and other public services.

The Tax Justice Foundation reported in 2023 (bit.ly/50-bn) that a small wealth tax and equalising tax on capital gains with tax on wages would bring in £50 billion a year, more than enough to mend the NHS, social care, and local services.

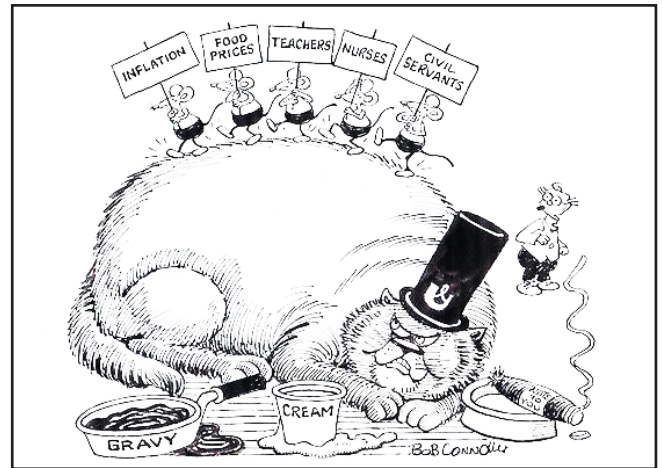
More fundamentally, a Labour government can make the economy "ours" only by means of wide public ownership and democratic and workers' control. That can be achieved by conflict with, not partnership with, "business" (i.e. the current owners).

Undifferentiated growth in a capitalist economy, and even under a

workers' government, is not necessarily a boon. We should seek good and sustainable living standards for all by way of green reconstruction and de-growth in environmentally-damaging activity like the extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

To enable democratic social control of investment, Labour should go for public ownership and democratic control of high finance.

A Labour government should requisition private health care facilities and integrate into the NHS, doing permanently what the Spanish government did temporarily at the height of Covid. It should take all utilities, including water, under public ownership and democratic control.



Labour should bring all schools under local authority control, and abolish GCSEs and SATs.

Labour should commit to repeal the Illegal Immigration Bill and the National and Borders Act, and anti-protest laws back at least to the Public Order Act 1986, as it commits to repealing the Minimum Services Bill and the Trade Union Act 2016. □

UK FRIENDS OF STANDING TOGETHER

UK FOST is not a Labour Party group, but LLI activists are working with UK FOST to win support in the labour movement for ceasefire in Gaza and peace and equal rights in Israel-Palestine. Excerpts from UK FOST's defining statement:

There is a growing movement which offers hope, in spite of the electoral decimation of Israel's traditional left parties. Standing Together, Israel's fastest-growing grassroots movement over recent years, is uniting Jews and Palestinians within Israel to fight for an equal and just society, building a broad coalition of diverse communities - Jewish and Arab; Mizrahi and Ashkenazi; people of all genders; secular and religious; rural and urban.

It organised the first demonstration for democracy in Tel Aviv in January 2023, but unlike some involved



in the democracy movement, it believes in democracy and equality for all Israel's citizens. Along with other anti-occupation activists, it has raised the need to make the struggle for Israeli democracy a struggle against occupation.

We are in solidarity with that movement, to promote its aims, principles and campaigns and to provide financial and practical support.

We will:

Promote in the UK, amongst all those who support peace, equality, and justice in Israel and Palestine, the benefits of joint struggle by Jews and Palestinians.

Campaign in the UK for peace, justice, and equality for Israelis and Palestinians - Jews and Arabs - including an equal right to self-determination, and for the full equality of Palestinian citizens of Israel. □

• <https://www.ukfost.co.uk/about>

FREE OUR UNIONS

LLI supports the Free Our Unions campaign, which is also backed by dozens of unions branches, committees, and local Labour Parties. Five national trade unions - IWGB, FBU, RMT, PCS, and IWW - have supported the campaign. It was established to promote and amplify policies passed at Labour Party conferences calling for the abolition of all anti-union laws, not only the most recent. □

» <https://freeourunions.org/>

BREXIT ISN'T DONE

The Tories have still not actually introduced checks on imports from the EU to the UK, fearing the inevitable effect in raising prices.

The Tories have also stalled on wholesale scrapping of environmental and labour safeguards derived from the EU. But that is what they'll want to do if re-elected.

The revisions to the Northern Ireland Protocol are only a way to fudge, for a while, the inescapable conflict between wanting a "hard" border between the UK and the EU, yet a "soft" border between Northern Ireland (part of the UK) and Ireland (part of the EU). The conflict will

be sharpened if the UK moves away from EU-agreed regulations.

As socialists, we want lower borders. Higher borders between the UK and the EU make extra obstacles to workers' unity between countries, and among migrant and "local" workers even within countries.

Whatever the dreams about "Lex-it" (a left "Brexit"), it hasn't happened and isn't going to happen. Opin-



ion surveys show that the majority knows that the only way out from the Tory-designed Brexit path we've been set on is to reverse Brexit.

Accepting the EU's offer to negotiate "youth mobility" - free movement for under-30s - would be an easy win. Rejoining the European free-movement area, rejoining the Single Market, and rejoining the Customs Union, are still relatively ac-

cessible because the Tories have not dared to go far yet with their Brexit plans.

Norway is in the free-movement area and (mostly) in the Single Market; Turkey is in the Customs Union.

And we also want to be part of EU-wide democracy (and of the battle to expand EU-wide democracy beyond its present miserable level), so the aim must be to rejoin the EU. □

WE SUPPORT PLURALISM IN THE LABOUR PARTY

Jeremy Corbyn has been arbitrarily banned from standing again for Labour in Islington North. Jamie Driscoll was banned from even contesting the selection for North East mayor.

In March 2022 Labour's National Executive banned Workers' Liberty, and in July 2021 Socialist Appeal and three other groups. Labour leaders have suggested the bans and exclusions are mainly about purging antisemitism. Yet Workers' Liberty is well-known for campaigning for decades - by debate, education, discussion - against antisemitism within the left.

Some exclusions for antisemitism have been justi-

fied, but many have been on vague guilt-by-association grounds. The leadership has blocked rather than promoted real educational debate.

Many of the ultra-Blairites in Starmer's back office evidently think the error in the high days of Blairism was not "control-freakery" but rather not being fierce enough about destroying Labour's traditional pluralism.

Pluralism is a necessity if Labour is to serve a diverse and critical-minded working class rather than a caste of careerist "professional politicians", "third sector" bosses, and the like. □

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