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BRITAIN NEEDS A PAY RISE

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CLPs (and Palestinians) short-changed again

The party rules allow for contemporary motions to be debated on at least eight subjects – “at least the four priorities selected by CLPs” as well as “at least the first four priorities selected by Trade Unions and other affiliated organisations”. That not only means that we should have debates on eight subjects, but that the rules allow discretion to ensure just that.

The second highest number of motions received on any subject was on the Middle East, mainly about the recent devastation of Gaza. They had originally been placed in the Global Human Rights section, one of the unions’ chosen subjects guaranteed debate, but were unfairly excluded.

This was still the third highest subject chosen yesterday by the

CLPs that had not already been selected by the trade unions (who made their own collective choice several days ago – though party staff at regional delegates’ briefing shave falsely denied this). For many years, full time regional officials have been deceiving delegates, encouraging them to vote for union subjects to keep controversial issues off the agenda.

In recent weeks, 2,100 Palestinians, mainly civilians, were killed in the bombing of Gaza, and almost 10,000 injured; 18,000 homes and other buildings were destroyed and a further 41,000 damaged. We owe it to the Palestinian people who have suffered so severely from the use of disproportionate and excessive force at least to debate what can be done to assist.

Vote Dyer & Heather for NCC

●**Anna Dyer** believes Labour needs open and democratic internal governance. A party member of over 30 years, Anna has been a Scottish Parliamentary Panellist and a List candidate in 2011. Anna has worked in higher education and has extensive experience in the voluntary sector. As a member of the NCC she would ensure the Party’s rules are applied fairly to all members. This helps maximise the unity of purpose of Party members behind Labour’s goal of social justice.

●**Gary Heather** wants an NCC that ensures fairness and justice for all Party members. He has been a Party member for 25 years and Chair of his CLP for six years. He is a borough councillor and has been a parliamentary candidate.

He has served on the national discipline committee of his union and believes fairness in applying the rules makes for an effective organisation. A Labour win and replacing the Coalition’s policies is aided by a united party.

On the National Constitutional Committee, Anna and Gary would insist on the fair operation of our rules and ensure the Party’s internal regime aids our campaign for victory.

NCC, vote:



Anna Dyer

x



Gary Heather

x

Our manifesto must offer voters hope

By Jennie Formby
Political Director, Unite

Tory Britain has never been more unequal. The “haves” at the top enjoy increased wealth and privilege, whilst ordinary people endure low pay, insecurity, and spiralling living costs. Good jobs are disappearing fast with precarious and bogus self-employed work increasing, zero hours and insecurity the norm, and exploited workers economically barred from seeking justice at Employment Tribunals.

Yet the Tories threaten more of the same if they get back into power in 2015: £20bn more in cuts even though 70% of those announced in 2010 have yet to hit. This is 21st century Britain; the sixth richest country on the planet shamefully reduced to a nation of food-banks.

We must demand better for our children than a life drowned in debt with no hope for the future.

Use public procurement to stimulate our neglected manufacturing sector and create more jobs. Ensure all workers have a living wage, real job security and guaranteed hours. Give

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Justice for Colombia!

The Justice for Colombia campaign was created by the British trade unions in 2002 in response to the appalling human rights crisis in Colombia, particularly abuses against trade unionists and other civil society actors.

78 human rights defenders and over 30 trade unionists were assassinated in Colombia last year, an increase on the previous year, despite a PR exercise by the Colombian Government saying the situation was much improved.

Over the past years thousands have been forcibly disappeared, subjected to arbitrary imprisonment, tortured, and received death threats at the hands of right-wing paramilitaries in collusion with the army, or by the army itself.

In 97 % of cases, no one is ever arrested for the murders or other crimes committed against these victims. Alongside this, the conflict between the Colombian State and the guerrilla movement, the FARC, has been ongoing for over 50 years.

In November 2012 peace talks began but there is no ceasefire in Colombia and the violent war continues.

This is an opportunity for our Labour Party to lead the way in building international support for the Colombian peace process and help to ensure that it is balanced, and delivers social justice with civil society involvement.

Support the GMB Composite!
● Colombia: Protests and Peace Tuesday, 23rd Sept., Unite Marquee (lunch provided).

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rights to trade unions to collectively bargain across sectors for our members and freedom for workers to fight back if they're exploited.

Big business must start paying tax on the billions of profits they earn so we can properly fund our public services for the future and end poverty wages for all those who work in them.

And no more gift-wrapping our NHS for Wall St; we pay for it, work in it, depend on it and it's not for sale.

If Labour is brave and proves it has the courage to convince ordinary people Labour is on their side, together we can kick out the Tories for good in 2015.



Diane Abbott MP (speaking at Saturday's CLPD fringe meeting):
"New Labour's view was that Labour's core voters had nowhere else to go and took them for granted. In fact they are going to the SNP, Greens and UKIP."

Labour historian and friend of CLPD, Professor Lewis Minkin launches his latest book, *The Blair Supremacy*, today at the John Ryland Library, 150 Deansgate. The book is a critique of the machinations of the Blair years and follows Prof Minkin's works on the history of Labour Conference and of the trade union link.

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Show Qatar the Red Card

This morning, conference will be debating Britain's Global Role. UCATT has submitted a contemporary motion highlighting the exploitation of 1.4 million migrant workers in Qatar who are building the infrastructure for FIFA's World Cup in 2022.

I recently visited Qatar and saw first-hand the shocking abuse. Despite being the richest country in the world per capita income, construction workers are earning as little £4.80 a day, living in cockroach infested labour camps with only salt water washing facilities. Over 1,000 construction workers have died so far in the extreme heat and through the lack of safety on sites.

This slaughter will continue unless conditions improve. Workers must be allowed the right to form and join trade unions. Human rights workers must be allowed to visit sites and camps without fear of arrest.

By Steve Murphy
General Secretary, UCATT

Let us send out a clear message from this conference. Support the composite on Global Human Rights. Help put pressure on the Qatari authorities to meet their ILO obligations or face the ultimate sanction of the removal of their right to host the World Cup.

Alternatives to Broken Markets and Austerity

5.15pm, Monday, 22nd Sept.
The Old Monkey (pub)
90 Portland Street
(junction with Princess Street)

Michael Meacher
(author, *The State We Need*)
Mariana Mazzucato
(author, *The Entrepreneurial State*)
Andrew Fisher
(author, *The Failed Experiment*)