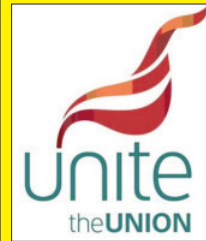


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TSSA Emergency Motion: Support Reference Back!

TSSA has submitted an emergency motion about the package of rule changes the NEC is putting to Conference today. The key proposals in the TSSA emergency are set out below. It has been ruled out of order by the CAC on grounds that are not clear. The CAC will report their action to Conference this morning.

The raft of 15 rule changes from the NEC that is being rail-roaded through Conference on one single card vote is totally unprecedented. It is difficult to

The TSSA motion addresses the CAC's recommendation that the NEC party reform proposals be considered and voted on as a single item. It calls for these proposals to be considered alongside other party reform proposals from the Party Reform working groups and from TULO. It calls on the NEC to convene a special meeting to consider all proposals and then to convene a special conference. It seeks to ensure a balanced set of changes are made that unites the Party around a new settlement and ensures women, black and minority ethnic groups, disabled, LGBT and young people can organise effectively.

●For further information about the NEC rule change package see "NEC: all smoke and mirrors" (overleaf).

avoid the conclusion that this is little other than factionalism – this only three days after Jeremy's victory and appeals throughout the Party to come together. The TSSA emergency spells out a way of proceeding based on discussion and consensus.

●Please support TSSA's reference back. We need to build a more democratic party together.

●If the TSSA emergency motion is unsuccessful –
Vote against the stitch up!

We need people on the NCC who will deal fairly and justly with all disciplinary cases referred to the NCC.

Make sure you go straight to the ballot area first thing this morning and collect your ballot paper. Already this week there have been reports of single delegates collecting ballot papers and voting before other CLP delegates arrive. This will ensure constituency mandates are respected. Don't lose out - make sure you get the ballot paper first.

NCC, vote:



Chris Williamson



Breath of fresh air on Trade Deals

By Len McCluskey
General Secretary, Unite

The NEC Statement on International Trade marks a welcome step change in our Party's thinking on the new generation trade deals.

TTIP, CETA and TiSA are free trade treaties that have at their heart the locking in of irreversible privatisation and the de-regulation of employment and human rights and environmental and occupational health and safety standards.

This privatisation and de-regulation will be protected by a system of quasi-courts open only to multinational corporations that will give the corporate sector the right to sue governments that legislate in the interests of the 99% at the expense of the 1%.

The European Commission and Canada are in a mad scramble to get the CETA treaty signed as soon as possible – they claim they have reformed away the problem issues, but nothing could be further from the truth. They claim they will protect workers' rights, but experience shows that unions in Latin America have had to campaign for seven years to get a hearing.

Changing the name of the corporate courts from ISDS to ICS should not fool us – these courts will not give citizens or unions the right to challenge the multinationals. TTIP, CETA and TiSA will not allow us to "take back control" – they will hand sovereignty to the corporate sector.

A new direction is needed.

We took the first step in this new direction when Labour MPs won the point in the Queen's Speech debate to keep the NHS out of TTIP.

The NEC Statement takes us further: it allows our Party to stand with millions of our fellow citizens across Europe who have exposed and campaigned against TTIP and CETA.

CAC Report: East Devon's Final Push! Support Reference Back!

First thing this morning, the East Devon delegate will take the rostrum once again in a final push for due process and party democracy. Their brilliant yet long overdue rule change will allow constituency & TU branches to interview & nominate candidates ahead of the parliamentary long list. She has been challenging the CAC for quoting the 3-year-rule, pointing out this rule should only be invoked following a constitutional amendment. It makes no reference whatsoever to a conference report, such as the Collins Review. Support the East Devon delegate in her campaign to give Conference the right to hear the motion on conference floor.

Rule changes: support more say for members!

Today Conference will debate rule changes (also known as constitutional amendments). Please support:

●Sheffield Heeley

The change being proposed by Sheffield Heeley CLP would enable Conference delegates to amend documents from Policy Commissions when they get to Conference. The original Partnership in Power documents promised that Conference would be able to amend documents – but it has never happened. “Take it or leave it” documents have been the bugbear of the National Policy Forum process. Democratise the NPF – support the Sheffield Heeley rule change!

●Mid-Norfolk (+6 others)

Delegates have the opportunity to change the rules to allow CLPs, trade unions and Socialist Societies to submit BOTH a rule change AND a contemporary motion. To suggest this would unleash a torrent of rule changes is ludicrous! CLPs and affiliates should not have to choose – support the rule change from Mid-Norfolk and six other CLPs!

●Bury North

This rule change would cement the intention of the rules and ensure that there should be at least four contemporary resolution priorities selected for debate at conference by BOTH CLPs AND affiliates – eight in total. Support Bury North!

NEC: all smoke and mirrors

Sunday's CAC Report 1 contained the statement that “the NEC agreed a package of rule changes at its meeting yesterday, which will be voted on as a single item.” At Monday's NEC, several members objected to this statement, saying the NEC had certainly not agreed to one card vote on all 15 of the (mostly unrelated) rule changes set out in the Appendix to CAC Report 1.

The rule changes are a very mixed bag, including issues relating to affiliations to CLP AGMs; a national annual women's conference; probity of Labour Combined Authority Mayors & Police Commissioners; annual levy to the party by Labour Group members; NEC seats for Leaders of the Scottish & Welsh Parties; eight TU members of the TULO Contact Group being able to attend Clause V meetings and Scottish & Welsh ECs to be responsible for administering the selection of PPCs.

In response to the objections, it was argued that the *Refounding Labour* document had been put as

one package to Conference a few years ago.

It was then pointed out that this was a coherent group of proposals and involved only one or two rule changes, whereas today we have a dazzling kaleidoscope of subjects. It was further pointed out that this bizarre procedure is not only unprecedented at Annual Conference, but must surely be unprecedented anywhere in the labour movement.

This point was endorsed by the most senior NEC member, who was very worried, in terms of procedure, that we were moving into totally uncharted waters. At the end of the debate the Chair of the NEC resolved that a vote should not be taken at the NEC and he turned to next business.

The senior NEC member then raised a procedural point – namely that this bizarre procedure must not be accepted as a precedent of any sort and that in future, rule changes should be considered separately. The NEC Chair accepted this point and asked for it to be minuted.

A free press?

The *Yellow Pages* are produced by volunteers – who are out today with our collection bags. Please be generous. The *Yellow Pages* have a cover price of £3 for the week.

Telling the left from the right

Shadow Cabinet members used to be elected by the PLP - until the right insisted the Leader appoint them, to ensure the Leader could work with the front benchers. Now the right have gone off that idea.

In 2011, a CLPD rule change to add CLP seats to the NEC to represent members in Scotland and Wales was defeated by the Labour Right. Now the right want the representation after all (but only for the Leaders of those two parties - not the members).

CLPD Meeting: Tue 27th, 6pm The Yacht Club (Quayside), Coburg Wharf

Chair: Rachael Ward (CLPD).
Speakers: Cllr. Yasmine Dar, Kelvin Hopkins MP, Jon Lansman, Matt Wrack, Christine Shawcroft, Dave Ward, Rhea Wolfson

That was the Week that Was - Assessment of Conference.

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