

NCG Meeting - Minutes Sat 1st September 2018

Date and time: Saturday 1st September, 2018, 10:30-16:00
Location: Manchester
Participation: Liz Hayden (chair), Jon Lansman, John Taylor, Michael Thawe Barry Grey, Becky Boumelha, Carol Turner, Leigh Drennan, Lorcan Mullen, Mike Bird, Helen McDonald, Natasha Josette, Ian Hodson, Apsana Begum, Sam Tarry, Archie Woodrow, Emma Rees
Apologies: Joe Ejifore, Emine Ibrahim, Laura Snell, Tony Kearns, Martin Menear, Liz Conway, Cecile Wright, Yannis Gourtsyannis, Aneesa Akbar
Staff: Laura Parker, Rachel Godfrey-Wood, Joe Todd, Harry Hayball, Santiago Bell-Bradford

1. Introduction and welcomes

Noted.

2. Notes from previous meetings

Minutes from 2nd June – **Agreed.**

Proposal for minutes to be taken of Officers group and all subgroups apart from Complaints (ie Party Reform and Resources), that specifically report decisions and action points, and for Secretary to use these to draw up report from each group to NCG – **Agreed.**

Agreed minutes and reports from previous meetings to be drawn up and circulated in time for next meeting.

Agreed need for further discussion as to how discussions and decisions can be relayed to members. Noted that website wasn't suitable for minutes, although we should provide information on who is in the NCG and Officers Group on there.

Action: Becky to draw up and circulate minutes of each subgroup in agreed format, then present to NCG as a report next meeting. Becky to work with staff and bring a proposal to a future meeting for distributing information to members.

3. Staff Presentations

Harry gave overview of digital team work, focusing on the NEC campaign.

Agreed Black members of NCG will work productively and proactively with staff on communications pertaining to race and racism.

Agreed proposal to explore working with local activists rooted in communities to platform their work.

4. NEC Election Campaign

Item 12 brought forward – Proposal to bring a full and frank discussion to the next Momentum NCG meeting about how we work with other left organisations on collaborative slates – **Agreed**.

Action: Carol to bring a paper to be discussed at next NCG meeting.

Proposal: Momentum commits to working with the leadership of CLPD and other left organisations in the CLGA moving forward. Momentum commits to working with all leadership supporting candidates of the NEC from Monday – **Agreed**.

Noted huge membership concern over IHRA. Noted NCG receipt of letter from 48 BAME Momentum activists and organisers raising concerns over IHRA.

7. Presentation from Manchester, Bolton and Stockport Momentum

Item 7 brought forward, presentation from local Momentum groups and discussion around how NCG can liaise with and support groups better.

Action: Staff to liaise with those who gave the presentation to note the suggestions made in their presentations, and take them as an agenda item next NCG/Resources meeting so we can discuss further how we can action.

5. Labour Party Conference

Rachel presented a paper detailing proposals for decision-making structures at conference. Proposed smaller group called the Momentum Conference Group (MCG) composed of Barry, Becky, Cecile and Jon and one TU rep (TBC) to make day-to-day conference decisions. Decisions about the wider political arguments, e.g. on Brexit, will be made by the full NCG group via email or WhatsApp, as facilitated by Rachel (who will hold top authority in agreeing method and timescale for NCG discussions and votes at conference). **Agreed**.

Action: Rachel to compile full briefings at conference and circulate to the relevant decision makers via email/WhatsApp/in person (where possible), and lead on organising decisions and communicating them to delegates.

Action: Becky to send out email asking which NCG members are going to attend conference, for Santi to note.

Rachel presented a statement on selection processes to be considered for adoption by the NCG for campaigning purposes prior to conference – **Agreed to adopt paper, with amendment that the full NCG would be responsible for major political/policy decisions (notably Brexit), and the Officers**

group have the mandate to make rapid decisions at conference, primarily, but not exclusively, around issues that affect Party Reform.

6. Brexit – Members Petition

Proposal we postpone the consultation until after conference – **Agreed.**

Action: Laura to circulate the Brexit consultation wording that staff have been working on to the NCG for comment.

8. Disputes policy

Santi proposed updated disputes policy, including a proposal for a suspension procedure – discussed and agreed that the proposal needs further work.

Agreed Santi, Helen and Martin to continue work and feed back to future NCG meeting.

9. Momentum member engagement, conference review, members council and requests for accreditation

Agreed to postpone to next meeting due to time constraints.

10. Foreign policy agreement

Agreed to postpone to next meeting due to time constraints.

11. Race and comms

Agreed commitment for Black NCG members to work closely with staff on messaging and ideas for communications relating to race, and for some resources to be allocated towards data collection for upcoming BAME Labour elections.

13. Developing a strategy

Agreed to postpone to next meeting due to time constraints.

14. Working with the Leadership

Agreed Becky to bring a concrete proposal to the next meeting.

15. AOB