

## **NCG Meeting**

### **Agenda**

**9/10/2021**

Participation: Callum Bell, Barry Gray, Mick Moore, Alan Gibbons, Jon Trickett, Carol Turner, Rory Maclean, Shona Jemphrey, Matt Buckley, Katrina Faccenda, Tracey Hylton, Deborah Hermanns, Darran McLaughlin, Mish Rahman, Sonali Bhattacharyya

Staff: Chloe, Andrew, Rachel

Apologies: John Taylor, Phil Clarke, Abbie Clark, Gaya Sriskanthan, Andrew Scattergood, Jackie Owen, Craig Anderson, Liz Smith, Matt Wrack, Tony Kearns

#### 1. Apologies/Matters Arising

AD noted that the meeting is discussion only, as it is not quorate.

#### 2. Co-Chairs Report

HPS noted that the co-chairs will provide a written report to follow.

#### 3. Officers Report

SB noted the activities of the OG, the focus on our Conference operation and the co-opting of MR onto the OG temporarily.

4. A review of Conference operations and the political significance of Conference, including a breakdown of Conference votes

AD noted the breakdown of the Conference statistics. AD noted that we exceeded our £30k fundraising target, up from the initial goal of £20k. AD noted disruption regarding the leadership's plan to introduce the electoral college, noted the use of digital tools. AD noted the campaign videos to lobby trade union leadership to move against the electoral college. AD noted delegate conference operation, distribution of the Organiser to get messaging out to delegates and prepping speakers to speak for Momentum's priorities. AD noted policy victories and the strength of the left trade unions and left delegates. AD noted EHRC rule changes and the response to the changes. AD noted the success of TWT and noted the young demographic of the event. DH noted thanks to staff, asked how it compares to previous years. RGW noted the operation was more efficient and had less staff than usual. RGW noted that the left majority was so much larger in the past that persuasion was not a priority. RGW noted that from the conference results, there are 15-20% who were swing voters not following a right or left line, who may have been swayed by speeches etc. RGW noted that preparations before delegates are elected is a key area for improvement as the left has collapsed in some constituencies.

TH noted thanks to staff, noted the link to TWT, noted that herself and Ian Hodson were prevented from casting a vote for the Gen Sec confirmation. TH noted the lack of NW speakers and the presence of Leo Panitch participants at conference. TH noted the importance of prepping for regional conferences. CB noted the presence of Leo Panitch speakers and noted we should consider how to develop more leaders in the movement. CB noted the unity of the left section and suggested the NCG think about how to build on this coalition. BG noted thanks to staff, noted the disappointing rule changes and the negative impact this could have on the left. BG praised Momentum's helpful advice to delegates and noted the lack of independence in the proposed new disciplinary structures

CT highlighted the victories on foreign policy motions, including on Palestine. CT noted Momentum should reflect on how to better support left foreign policy. TH noted events at conference and noted that PCS passed a motion condemning the arms fair. RM noted thanks to the staff, noted importance for unity across the left and said that the highlight of the conference was the SCG rally, asked JT how we can help foster socialism in the PLP. JT noted the focus is on the leadership, noted the difficulty of the nomination process and discussions are ongoing. AG noted the importance of TWT as a left gathering point. SB noted thanks to the staff. SB noted the success of the racial justice session at TWT.

RGW went through the breakdown of the Conference results. CT noted the results and noted that they reveal areas for persuasion. RGW noted issues among the delegates and unconfirmed reports of Labour staffers briefing delegates and other procedural issues. DH noted that we should think about how to place more emphasis on rule changes and organising before conference in the future. AD noted this may be difficult but could be possible with earlier preparations. CB noted there should be a discussion around this in the SCG.

#### 5. A brief overview of the organisation's work priorities for the final quarter

AD noted the move into the new office. AD noted the resignation of the Head of Communications and possibly need for temporary cover. AD noted new hires. AD noted improved growth strategies over the next few months to improve income. AD noted continuation of the Refounding process. AD noted the "six month sprint" from January to the NCG elections.

#### 6. Momentum's work with UNISON

RM noted the item is for discussion. RGW noted discussions around creating a survey of left-wing UNISON activists. AD noted the role of the Trade Union Network in UNISON activity.