

Momentum's National Coordinating Group

Action Report

Saturday 12th May 2017





In attendance: Sahaya James, Rida Vaquas, Puru Miah, Christine Shawcroft, Carol Turner, Liz Hames, Jon Lansman, Cecile Wright, Jon Taylor, Yannis Gourtsoyannis, Maggie Simpson, Elizabeth Hayden

Apologies: Emine Ibrahim, Joe Ejiofor, Gemma Thornton, Martin Manear, Navendu Mishra, Barry Gray, Sam Tarry

Staff in attendance: Rachel Godfrey Wood, Beth Foster-Ogg, Santiago Bell-Bradford

Agenda:

1. Welcomes and apologies
2. Aims of meeting
3. Agree Action Notes from previous NCG meeting
4. Discussion on the General Election
5. Momentum's GE Campaign for Labour
 - Staff speak to draft document
 - Thoughts from Gemma Thornton
6. Voter Registration
 - Proposal from Rida Vaquas
7. Breakout groups - what should Momentum do to maximise impact in this campaign?
8. Feedback break out groups
9. Arrangements for compliance and emergency decision-making
 - Separate document attached
10. Discussion on other Momentum priorities
 - Labour Party Conference
 - Activist Training Programme
 - Councillors Network
11. Report back on staffing
12. Arrangements for the next meeting
13. AOB

1. Welcomes

2. Aims of meeting - agreed by consensus

- To develop a shared analysis of the General Election and wider political context
- To develop a shared strategy for Momentum during the General Election
- To discuss the arrangements for the NCG's next meeting

- Agreement to sign confidentiality agreement

3. Agree Action Report of last meeting - agreed with amendment

- Add *'Caucuses will recommend their own terms of reference to be agreed by the NCG'*

4 & 5 Discussion on the General Election and Momentum's GE Campaign for Labour

- Staff speak to draft paper

6. Voter Registration

- Proposal from Rida Vaquas (below)
- Suggestion to have email to members from Rida and Sahaya about voter registration
- Suggestion to encourage other left wing groups to do voter reg drives within their own organisations
- Decision to targeted emails to under 40's

Proposal from Rida Vaquas

Some thoughts about election and young people for NCG

Labour has a poll lead among under-40s, a huge poll lead among 18-24 year olds and an even bigger one among students. The Tories confidence about winning rests on the facts that they have a huge lead among older people, and that older people turn out to vote better than young people.

Labour's performance in this election depends heavily on connecting with and getting out young voters.

Therefore Momentum and its groups should organise, and help and stimulate CLPs to organise, specific youth-oriented campaigning:

- *Up to 22 May, registration campaigns, on uni campuses, in FE colleges, in sixth forms, and door to door (knocking on doors where no voter is registered, too)*
- *Campaigns to inform young people on how to vote - how to get a postal vote, how to find your polling station, etc*
- *Online and social media campaigning aimed at young people*
- *Drawing young people into the Labour campaign, and helping them radiate Labour ideas and commitment among their friends.*

7 & 8 Breakout groups and Feedback from breakout groups - what should Momentum do to maximise impact in this campaign?

- Agreed objectives of campaign with suggested edits for staff to action

9. Arrangements for compliance and emergency decision-making

- Separate document attached - agreed by consensus
- Agreement to inform other NCG members via email of decisions made by officers group

10. Other Momentum priorities

- Labour Party Conference
- Activist Training Network - discussion on councillors network
- Agreement for Cecile to convene the BAME caucus of the NCG

11. Report back on staffing arrangements

- A National Coordinator role was advertised for three weeks on the website, social media, email to the database, W4MP and NEON. The NCG Officers agreed that there were not good enough applicants to form a shortlist. The NCG Officers agreed for Emma Rees to take the role in an acting capacity. The role will be re advertised in due course.



- Having worked for Momentum since before its launch, Adam Klug has handed in his resignation for personal reasons. He has extended his notice period until 14th June due to the General Election.
- Emma is now working to improve the management systems and structures, under the review of the NCG Officers group.

11. Arrangements for the next meeting

- Convening working groups post GE campaign
- Agreement that next meeting would be 17th June 11am at the TSSA in London.

12. AOB

- Discussion on report of Momentum over last 6 months