



SPECIAL CONFERENCE 2016

After Corbyn's Victory
Building the Movement

Amendments BOOKLET

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1. Statement Amendments : After Corbyn's Victory – Building the Movement

1.1 Brent Trades Union Council – Statement amendment:

Amendment to **section 7** of statement “after Corbyn’s victory”

1.1a

After “affiliate” (line 10) insert ““We also need to promote a discussion in the Party and unions as to whether we should seek to reverse the changes in the Party-union relationship brought about by the Collins report.”

Supported by EC

1.1b

At end of statement:

“This SGM mandates the National Committee to call the overdue 2015 Annual General meeting within 3 months of this SGM”

Not Supported by EC

Proposed by Brent LRC

1.2 Labour Party Marxists – Statement amendment:

Point 16, line 4:

DELETE:

party’s structures.

INSERT:

the structures of the Party and the unions. The fight to democratise the Labour Party cannot be separated from the fight to democratise the trade unions. Trade union votes at Labour Party conferences should be cast not by general secretaries but proportionately according to the political balance in each delegation. Officials and elected representatives must be servants, not masters, of the movement, recallable by the body that selected them. The Parliamentary Labour Party must be brought under democratic control. The position of Labour leader should - in the long term - be abolished, and national officers elected by the NEC. The NEC should be unambiguously responsible for drafting Labour Party manifestos. The NEC should be elected and accountable to conference, the supreme body in the Party, with democratic debate and binding votes. Our elected representatives - MPs, MEPs, MSPs, AMs, councillors, trade union officials, etc - without exception should take only the average wage of a skilled worker, any balance being donated to furthering the interests of the labour movement.

Proposed by Labour Party Marxists

Not supported by EC

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1.3 Sussex LRC - Statement Amendment :

At paragraph 17:

- a) After “Part of this process of reconstruction is the development of”, insert: “a national network of active, local LRC groups, where LRC members and supporters can regularly meet in their local area for campaigning activities, solidarity action and political discussion. Key aims going forward will be for the LRC’s national officers and elected representatives to actively expand and promote local LRC groups, as well as”.
- b) Replace “closer coordination with Red Labour, CLPD and other forces on the Labour left working in the same field for” with “to develop productive working relationships with other groups on the Labour left, at both local and national levels, in order to advance our” [shared goals].
- c) Insert “vigorously” before “championing”.

The effect of passing this amendment would be to revise paragraph 17 to read as follows:

Part of this process of reconstruction is the development of a national network of active, local LRC groups, where LRC members and supporters can regularly meet in their local area for campaigning activities, solidarity action and political discussion. Key aims going forward will be for the LRC’s national officers and elected representatives to actively expand and promote local LRC groups, as well as to develop productive working relationships with other groups on the Labour left, at both local and national levels, in order to advance our shared goals. Our long term aim must be a unified movement of the Labour left vigorously championing common goals, campaigns and slates.

Proposed by: Sussex LRC

Supported by EC

1.4 Alliance for Workers Liberty – Statement amendment:

1.4a: Add 4a

We also call on Jeremy Corbyn, John McDonnell and other left party leaders to be politically bolder, on several levels:

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- a. Pushing for the party to get actively mobilising and campaigning on big issues in the class struggle such as the NHS, and to pro-actively support workers' and social struggles;
- b. Adopting clearer, bolder, popular policies on key issues (e.g. taxing the rich, nationalising the banks, reversing all cuts);
- c. Actively educate the labour movement and the wider public about the need for a different society from capitalism, and explaining how more immediate demands fit into this vision.

1.4b Add 10a:

We will fight to develop Momentum politically along the following lines:

- a. Moving beyond “progressive” and “new politics” towards a clearer political program based on class politics, working-class political representation and socialism.
- b. A positive intervention in the Labour Party, including:
 - Getting more Corbyn supporters, and particularly workers and trade unionists, attending party meetings;
 - Taking class struggles into the party, and encouraging outward campaigning on issues;
 - Fighting for democracy, including a sovereign conference and an end to exclusions and witch-hunts against left-wingers;
 - Using selection processes to choose candidates committed to representatives democratically accountable to the mass membership.

1.4c Add 16a

We will campaign around a bold program which puts centre stage expropriating the banks under democratic, workers' and social control, attacking the wealth of the rich, and fighting for a government which serves the working class as the Tories serve the bosses.

Proposed by: AWL

2. Membership Fees:

No amendments received

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3. Structure of the NC/EC:

3.1 Sussex LRC - constitutional amendment

To section 3b:

At (i) replace "Representative of Northern/Southern local groups (2)" with "National Organisers representing local LRC groups (2) - to be elected by balloting delegates from local LRC groups attending the AGM"

To section 3c:

Add at end of paragraph 24: "NEC members representing local LRC groups will be elected by balloting delegates from local LRC groups attending the AGM. Members at the AGM may choose to vary the NEC's decision on its composition."

To section 3d:

Replace "emergency decisions" with "those decisions necessary to keep the LRC operating and growing" in paragraph 27.

Proposed by: Sussex LRC

Supported by EC

3.2 Hastings District Branch of Unite SE/6253 - constitutional amendment.

In 3. Structure of the NC/EC

Add at end "and to embed democracy and wide-spread participation in the NEC of the LRC add 12 additional NEC members as elected delegates of the local groups in each of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the 9 official regions of England."

Amendment to Constitutional Amendment

In **3(b) Resolutions 2016, as EC Amendment except:**

Replace "of North/South local groups (2) at least 1"

With "of the local groups in each of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the 9 official regions of England (12), elected by balloting the appropriate local groups attending the AGM, at least 6"

Proposed by **Hastings District Branch of Unite SE/6253**

Not supported by EC

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3.3 Labour Party Marxists - constitutional amendment

(Purpose: Officers to be elected by NEC, not by AGM.)

DELETE NC proposal **3b.)** Paragraph 21 c) Election of Officers.

In the existing LRC constitution,

DELETE: (c) election of officers,

DELETE: paras 21, 22, 23.

In the proposed revised para 24, line 1, DELETE In addition to the officers, DELETE also.

INSERT NEW PARA: (e) election of officers by NEC

In NC-proposed para 27, BEFORE Officers will ..., INSERT: The NEC will elect, and replace from time to time as necessary, such officers as it considers appropriate. All officers to be accountable to, and replaceable by, the NEC at all times.

Proposed by **Labour Party Marxists**

Not supported by EC

3.4 Grass Roots Left - Constitutional amendment:

On the Constitution:

Retain original section 40 and reject proposed new section 40 - i.e. retain the minimum of 10 individual members for local LRCs.

Proposed by **Grass Roots Left**

Not supported by EC

4. Role of the conference arrangements committee in pre-AGM work:

4.1 Hastings & District Trades Union Council - Constitutional Amendment

Amendment to **Section 4**, Resolution 2016:

Add at the end of paragraph 16:

(a) The CAC shall comprise up to 8 members elected by the NEC from its own ranks.

(b) The CAC shall have the power to co-opt other members subject to their being members of the LRC.

(c) The quorum for the CAC shall be 50% of its membership.

(d) The CAC shall report to the NEC as the NEC requires.

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Insert "or its CAC" following the reference to the national executive committee at paragraph 17.

Replace "2 weeks" with "4 weeks" at paragraphs 22, 25 and 30.

Proposed by: **Hastings & District Trades Union**

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5. Local Labour Representation Committees

5.1 Hastings & Rother LRC - Constitutional Amendment

Hastings & Rother LRC wish for the following amendment to be considered at the SGM to be held on 20th February 2016:

To Section 5

Add as a new second paragraph: "Replace "or" with "and" at the end of sub-parts (a) and (b) of paragraph 15"

At new **paragraph 41**, insert: "and the" between "NEC" and "rules".

At new **paragraph 42**:

- a) Insert "the Labour Representation Committee via: before "the NEC".
- b) Add "as approved by the AGM" at the end of the first sentence.
- c) Replace "secretary" with "officers"

Proposed by Hastings & Rother LRC

Supported by EC

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