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i <http://www.peoplesmomentum.com/about>

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Evening comrades


Following Friday's CLP meeting where we saw our motions on Trident & Syria both nullified by wrecking amendments from the Right, it is important to emphasise that two focuses we need are numbers and voting strategy. In terms of expanding our caucus, we are talking to the national interim directors of Momentum amid legal issues of data protection in order to reach out to everyone who voted for Corbyn within Riverside. Let's hope that at the next CLP meeting in January we will be able to make more significant inroads.

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Meeting before the CLP

13 posts by 7 authors

vi  elizabethkennedyhayden


★ Dear All,

I am inviting you to a meeting before next Friday's CLP in order to have a clear plan to stop the vote for an Antisemitism investigation against three Momentum members.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 30th June 6pm - 8pm venue tbc.

In Solidarity,

Elizabeth
Sent from my iPhone

vii  elizabethkennedyhayden Jan 20

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Hi Firat,

Thanks for your points I think there are some important issues you've raised here. I'll try to give you my thoughts on these issues.

1) I can understand email traffic is a lot and I think it has been magnified because we didn't have a proper meeting this month, but this in future won't happen as we have managed to get a regular venue in Liverpool University Guild on the 1st Thursday of each month. In terms of email digests I think this could be a good idea, though someone will have to volunteer to set one up and manage it and I think some emails may be too important to be sent that way.

2) Before previous CLPs we have had meetings discussing motions in advance, however due to there not being a proper meeting this month this hasn't happened. But it will be happening in the future.

3/4) In terms of recruiting new members and young members this is an ongoing issue and I don't have any easy answers to it. There are some things being done about it, but I think there always needs to be more with this issue. In terms of the things that are being done,

- We are in touch with Unite the Union and they are inviting affiliated members in each CLP to become full members and organising socials but they haven't got to our CLP yet.
- I'm helping to organise Momentum Youth and we are planning on organising in all the main campuses and a fundraiser for a charity to drum up support from young people

I totally agree we can't win support just through the CLP and if you can give us advice about how they do it in other countries that would be great. I can understand the point about too many motions but I think we should discuss it in the next meeting and think about the best way to use motions to our advantage if we can.

In Comradship,
Elizabeth Hayden

Comrades,

We will be having a meeting of the Momentum caucus of Liverpool Riverside CLP at **6pm-8pm** this **Thursday** in the **Aung San Suu Kyi Room** (2nd floor) of the **Liverpool Guild of Students, 160 Mount Pleasant, L3 5TR**

For those of us (in all Liverpool CLPs) **below the age of 27**, it is very important that we attend the Liverpool Young Labour meeting which is taking place at **7pm-9pm** in **Frederiks Bar, Hope Street, L1 9BX** (next to the Philharmonic). The left needs to make a strong showing following the Scarborough youth conference to ensure that our new NEC Youth rep (her legitimacy is currently disputed by national Momentum) is held to account within her own Young Labour group (Liverpool).
Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1778345675727107/>

In comradeship

George Downs
Secretary of Momentum Riverside & President of Liverpool Marxists
viii **Momentum Merseyside Steering Committee**

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George Downs Mar 2

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Tomorrow, Liverpool Marxists will be inviting former Militant councillor Felicity Dowling to speak about the fight against Thatcher by this city in the 1980s. We will then discuss how the errors made then can help us to learn how to build today's Anti-Austerity movement.

Liverpool City Council vs. Austerity: Then & Now will start at **tomorrow at 6pm** in the **Aung San Suu Kyi Room (2nd floor) in the Guild of Students, Mount Pleasant**.

All ages & political affiliations are welcome. A poster/flyer is attached to this email. Please share the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/526412244207987/>

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Attachments (1)



x <http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/stop-wars-blood-stained-cheque-presentation-347272>

xi <http://www.workersliberty.org/node/25104>

George Downs Apr 6

★ Re: Israel-Palestine and Riverside CLP

Afternoon comrades,

As I have an upcoming overseas placement for the next few months, I may have less time to dedicate to organising the left opposition within the CLP. I will try to give online assistance where possible. However I understand that Elizabeth will be holding a caucus meeting next Thursday at 6pm at the University. We'll be sending out more detailed info soon.

With regards to the strategy of the left within the CLP, may I suggest that we have our eyes squarely set on building numbers and winning the CLP AGM in September/October (TBC). Any controversy up until then may count against us. I'd suggest that activists only bring up the issue of Israel-Palestine when it is absolutely relevant and that the entire caucus beforehand contributes to wording whatever intervention may be made. This would be in order to avoid spontaneous (even if they are correct) comments online and during CLP meetings.

I see that the best way we can fight against the oppression of the Palestinians (and for the rest of our socialist program) is for the left to win major victories at the CLP AGM. If we continue to make virtuous yet tactically ineffective interventions at CLP meetings on Israel-Palestine then we may create too much controversy and therefore this could prevent our realistic goal at the AGM of denying Ellman a supportive base within the local structures of the party.

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Strategy. The strategy to achieve the executive we want will be based on four pillars:

- a) Conduct Procedure of the AGM. We need to take every precaution to ensure that the AGM cannot be subverted on a technical (i.e. rulesmanship) or any other basis. We need to do thorough scenario planning to work out what our opponents might do, and how to counter pre-empt this. **AP: to convene a team of comrades to work on this.**
- b) Slate. We need a carefully worked out slate, including male/female candidates as previously noted. We should have a provisional slate no later than 24th September. **AP: to convene a team of comrades to work on this.**
- c) Turning out our supporters. This is obviously crucial, but until we have a clearer idea of the date of the AGM, this cannot be planned in detail.
- d) Recruiting. **This is an important pillar of the strategy for the AGM, but also will carry forward into any future selection process for an MP,** and into strengthening the Labour Party as a campaigning organisation, and one which can form a government after the next general election. The remainder of this document is therefore devoted to it.

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mcnamara_adam Apr 7

★ Re: Israel-Palestine and Riverside CLP
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If I agree with the idea of hiding our nerves if we were close to some kind of breakthrough on the issue. (But we're probably not. The only reason I can think to keep coming back to the issue are

- 1) To change Louise Ellman's mind. Not very likely. She's 70, close to retirement, she's been in politics 45 years and she's been pretty consistent on the issue (it doesn't require too much empathy to understand why a Jewish woman born in 1912 might have a major blind spot on this issue).
- 2) To change the minds of other people in the room. Again, I think most active members of Riverside CLP have probably already made up their mind one way or another. We might actually end up alienating sympathetic people by using a clumsy phrase or a dodgy statistic or just by getting (understandably) angry.

As with the issue of always ending meetings, I'm willing to accept there's some other reason that I'm missing!

But if not, it might be best to stick to less controversial/divisive issues that we can actually bring people together on. Stuff that we can win on.

Hope to make it to the Royal at some point today, and maybe see some folk there

At the best,
 Fraternally,
 Adam

P.S. Jeremy, not even one of my contacts by Jewish groups who support Palestinian rights would be enough in my opinion, so we can't at the CLP when criticism of Louise Ellman's position came from a Jewish comrade, at least one Jewish member of the CLP just decided they were able to identify and label someone as a 'self-hating Jew' so as to discredit any such criticism.

Sent from my Windows 10 phone

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We should just leave the topic out unless the predictable Louise comes up with some ridiculous line like Jews massacred as a result of Palestinian tunnels or there is some recent atrocity against Jews or Palestinians. I have just got back from 3 hours picketing at the Royal with Kevin Byrne and a few Labour comrades. It would be nice tomorrow to see anyone else from our CLP. If possible 0900 to midday? Wrap up. Our banner was unfurled. See Facebook.
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Date: Wed, 6 Apr 2016 14:39:54 +0100
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From: 'David Hookes' via Momentum Riverside
Sent: 06 April 2016 14:47
To: jere...@yahoo.co.uk; momentum...@googlegroups.com; jere...@btinternet.com
Subject: Re:

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I totally agree with you about Mumby's disgraceful intervention and his fake concern

I raised the issue of Israel-Palestine as did Helen Marks on a separate issue. I believe that our MP Eilman uses her position as an MP to support whatever horrors the IDF and Israel commits. She should say she is speaking in a personal capacity not as a Labour MP.

She said that she had supported the bombing of ISIS because she claimed we, the CLP, had allowed to act on her 'conscience'. That is the same 'conscience' that supported the criminal invasion of Iraq that led to a million Iraqi deaths. I assume?

She had described the ISIS as 'religious fascists' (a fair description) and so can be bombed to hell. I merely pointed out that she might also voted for killing Israeli special forces who have recently been captured fighting alongside ISIS. Did she regret her haste, perhaps she should have checked which side Israel was supporting first.

I once asked her during a lobby of HoC on behalf of Palestine: Did you support Israel when it was helping fascist Apartheid South Africa develop nuclear weapons, presumably to use against the African Untermenschen? She said no she didn't.

Recently an Israeli soldier was caught executing a Palestinian youth who had already been captured after attacking somebody with a Knife. he had been thoroughly searched for other weapons before being executed. This is a very clear war crime for which Japanese and German officers were hanged after the WWII. Over 90% of Israelis supported the execution. Does Louise agree with them? It might be worth asking at the next CLP.

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xvii <http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/156227/hard-left-activists-target-jewish-mp-terrifying-campaign-abuse>

xviii <http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/30489/racist-leaflets-against-jewish-candidates-liverpool>

xix <http://www.labournet.net/other/1004/LFlf.pdf>

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Apr 7

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Can I suggest that we leave the Anti Semitism issue until after the local elections. Louise Eilman is ready for it to come up at every CLP and has that martyred/victim look on her face whenever it's mentioned. I think it's suiting her, shoring up her strategy to disgrace the Left. Can we have a Momentum meeting and discuss the accusations of Anti Semitism and try to decide how to deal with it? I think it's quite clear that we all agree how dangerous and disgusting Anti Semitism is. However, personally, I think the UK has a much more serious problem, at the moment, with Islamophobia. And I don't say this to trivialise Anti Semitism by comparing the two.

xxi Lynda Sergeant.

elizabethkennedyhayden

Apr 7

★ Re: Israel-Palestine and Riverside CLP
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Hi Everyone,

I've changed the date of the meet to next Tuesday 12th at 6pm due to the football.

It will be at Liverpool Guild of Students, room tbc.

Items on the agenda will be: Numbers, Conference Delegates, Campaigning, Fundraising and False Antisemitism Allegations. Let me know if there is anything else you would like me to add?

I would be great if everyone could come as we don't have another CLP for a while, so it would be to take stock of what has been achieved so far and to make a plan moving forward.

In Solidarity,

Elizabeth

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The Momentum Group based on the Council areas

National Momentum wants these groups to be the building blocks of Momentum. This is partly because there are worries that the Labour Party might ban an organisation that is structured on a Constituency basis. Momentum are happy to recognise the Merseyside Committee as well, but at this stage that probably only needs us to tell them about it, which we already have.

These Area organisations can play a valuable role:

- Discussing and agreeing policy and action that affects the whole area, such as Council spending plans, and activity organised through the Labour Campaign Forums (similar to the old District Labour Parties).
- Electing the range of Officers that Momentum requires, who are the Data Manager who can access all the names and contact details held nationally, National and Regional Contacts for Momentum, Social Media Managers, and Constituency Engagement Officers. Some areas also have local Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers.
- Building informal groups at Constituency level who can then promote Momentum policies in their Labour Parties, and decide who to stand or support in Labour Party elections.

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Hi James,

We can't have a Facebook event as we are not strictly meant to be organising at CLP level.

We also don't want the right to turn up and people need to be members of the Labour Party.

Liverpool Momentum and Merseyside Momentum can have more open meetings and advertise on Facebook.

In Solidarity,

Elizabeth

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audreywhite

Jan 16

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Dear all,

Obama trying to keep his hands clean and placing the implementation of cuts onto councils places the battlefield into the our hands. So, do we leave the victims of these vicious cuts defenceless by doing the Tories' job for them?

I remember the lady in the wheelchair at a recent momentum meeting saying there is no such thing as a kind cut and she described how withdrawal of services affected the disabled. It was awful to hear the reality.

Your right this proposal is to cover their backs.

However to be fair there hasn't been a movement to stand up to the attacks on local government and if councillors had done so they would probably not have had the support even if they tried to oppose them. So much has changed with JC's election and Labour councils now need to look over their shoulders and see the growing movement behind them that feels sickened by the implementation of these scurrilous attacks. Councillors need to feel the resentment and hatred for these cuts throughout our city. A new confident movement is building and we will get more support for Labour by opposing cuts than by implementing them.

I think there are probably many councillors who would stand up to protect the disabled, the disadvantaged, the poor, the youth and the elderly if they felt they had the support of a mass movement behind them. It's our job to build this movement.

I hope this proposal fails. Good luck at the CLP.

Fraternally

Audrey

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jeremyh54

Jan 17

★ If someone is prepared to do a root-and-branch attack on the council-congratulation motion, then prepare it and submit it as an amendment. No one is bound by the concessions in the Corbyn-McDonnell letter, but have another read of it first. I am considering putting in a few smaller amendments that might be more difficult to resist (eg 'deplore' rather than 'recognise' and suggesting that the council do more to publicise its position when it hosts things like the international business festival). That would not get in the way of the bigger amendment.

Beware the distance to the new meeting-place by the way, anyone on the train will have quite a walk from Sandhills.

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Jeremy

davies john

Jul 20

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Hi James

This is a great proposal and will focus minds around specific tasks.

I would like to suggest that we add a para on orientation, where we are looking to build. You've mentioned students, who are vital. There are also numerous community organisations and campaign groups that should be looking to the Labour Party, but for various reasons haven't been:

I'm not sure how active the groups are who came together over the Bedroom Tax, the Disability cuts and the NHS, but they should be approached.

The Blacklist Campaign (workers who were blacklisted in the building and other industries) is smaller but would show an important group of trade union militants that the Labour Party is worth joining with Corbyn in charge.

I know the libraries campaign is in abeyance till the next swath of cuts from the Mayor, but we should be showing that Anderson and New Labour politics is not Corbyn politics. What other cuts have the city council got planned?

Green space campaigns, such as Save Sefton Park Meadows.

There are also large communities in Toxteth who don't get involved. Why aren't there more Muslim members? - there are a lot of radical south Asian and middle eastern youth, many of whom came round the Black Lives Matter vigil. Can we approach them on the basis of a clear opposition to racism, Islamophobia and a more progressive stance towards Palestine?

I hope this is useful.

xxvi John

xxvii <https://saveseftonparkmeadows.org/the-Councils-proposal/>

xxviii <https://www.facebook.com/SaveSeftonParkMeadows/posts/511680889016288>

xxix Save Liverpool Libraries Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/saveliverpoolibraries/photos/pb.1431063783811588.-2207520000.1473257850./1467184233532876/?type=3&theater>

mcnamara_adam

Jun 12

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Totally agree with all that, Faisal (even though I'm usually a big fan of mobilising for the least worst option).

We don't seem to have much at stake in the Mayoral selection, but we may well do in any future by-election. It also won't be long before the process begins for selecting candidates to fight the 2018 council elections, something we definitely have a stake in, especially if anyone is thinking of putting themselves forward.

From: Faisal Yousef

Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 9:43 AM

To: adam mac; william major; momentum...@googlegroups.com; Jeremy Hawthorn; Elizabeth; George Downs

Subject: Re: Mayoral Candidate

Dear all

In regards to this Mayoral selection process/the election itself I think we must be wary as momentum to avoid or maybe be wary of becoming a mobilising force for the least worst candidate, I will probably be voting for Steve reluctantly however Momentum (in my opinion) should be wary of becoming just a tool for the least bad candidate.

I think that something we should think about over the next few months that will be quite important will be, rather than the election itself, the possibility of a by-election in either Wavertree or Walton, we should probably liaise with comrades in both those CLP's to mobilise the membership vote to ensure a London-Progress candidate isn't flown in.

In solidarity

xxx Faisal

Comments made:

- Do we need to look at preparing for an attempt to split the Labour party if Jeremy Corbyn is re-elected?
- We need to create a positive spirit that the Labour party can win and that they are for the working people. We need to be a positive force that is supported by Jeremy Corbyn.
- What will the 172 do? Will they split the party or hang around until the next general election and attempt to poison the party? Is it an opportunity to get more members so we have numbers if/when they are deselected?
- **How do we deselect Louise Ellman? She is supposed to be retiring**
- We need to be aware of the shake up to the constituencies. Who do we then select?
- Jeremy Corbyn will call for Unity and the MPs that do not wish to be deselected will confirm as they would want brownie points.
- We should present our demands of Jeremy Corbyn to him and the people around him as well as show our support to him.

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mcnamara_adam

Apr 6

Re: Israel-Palestine and Riverside CLP

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Well said, George.

This may also include not responding to obvious and direct provocation.

There's not only the AGM in the Autumn, but looking further ahead: Louise Ellman will be retiring soon and the Tory gerrymandering of constituencies is also not far off, so there are plenty of changes coming to the CLP that we need to be playing a constructive part in.

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