

Support



Blackpool Deserves Better



SATURDAY 13 MAY, 2017

10AM – 4.00PM: SAVOY HOTEL

Workers in Britain have seen the greatest decline in real wages (10%) of any European country, except Greece, since the 2008 crash. We feel that there is actually no shortage of wealth or money in the UK, the problem is that much of it is in the wrong hands and the situation is getting worse. Many modern corporations are sucking wealth and power in their direction. They are creating both dangerous inequalities and a threat to the democratic control of our lives.

Due to a low wage economy there has been a real drive to become a *low road* economy – cutting amenities and services provided to the people out of the wealth they create. Public services have been eroded because of austerity policies and budget cuts, from the NHS & education to social services, public transport, cultural provision etc. – *so ordinary people are being hit hard twice.*

The meeting intends to bring together a great variety of trade unions and campaigning groups, including climate activists, with the explicit aim of *learning* from recent successful campaigns, *using* new tactics to target un-unionised workers and *developing* a campaign for climate jobs across the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. *The meeting also intends to:*

- LAUNCH A PROACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR A PAY RISE for all workers in Blackpool and an increase in trade union membership and activism and to bring much needed long term employment? It will be targeting in particular those low paid and casual hours workers in unorganized workplace. Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Trade Union Council will use the event to launch the Blackpool Needs A Pay-rise
- DEVELOP NEW INTER-UNION COMBINES to better support workers within or across workplaces and employers, where they face similar issues.
- RE-ENERGISE THE SUPPORT TRADE UNIONS CAN PROVIDE to anti-fracking activists in the area and develop plans for a *Just transition/Zero Carbon/Climate Jobs* strategy for Blackpool
- CREATE AN OPEN STEERING COMMITTEE for *Blackpool Needs A Pay-rise* and 1 Million climate jobs open to any activists.

This Meeting Believes That:

- SUCH A SUSTAINED, AND IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN for trade union membership with higher pay, and securing long-term stable employment is *necessary* to stop the continued growth of inequality and the transfer of wealth from poor to rich in Britain
- ONLY SUCH COLLECTIVE SOLUTIONS can give ordinary people the organisations to stand up for their wider needs in society and oppose the government's austerity programme
- THAT FRACKING IS *NOT* PART of a sustainable solution for Blackpool & the Fylde and that is should be combated in favour of renewables
- THE REAL, SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY useful jobs are made available for both unemployed and others stuck in precarious and low paid jobs is a key objective of this campaign.
- THAT POLITICAL PARTIES which, like the present **Labour Party**, recognise, support and campaign for the above points, will grow support because of our campaigning and should be strongly supported by our campaign.

This Meeting Resolves To:

- **Support** *Blackpool Needs A Pay-rise!* We need 1 Million Climate jobs to oppose cuts and defend our NHS and our vital civil and public services.
- **Introduce a real living wage** for all workers regardless of age of no less than £10 an hour.
- **Demand the abolition** of all zero hours contracts.
- **Oppose fracking** and support anti-fracking campaigners
- **Pressure the powers that be** to enable the creation of secure, long-term, well-paid employment useful to society – we regard climate change jobs initiatives as a real opportunity for Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.
- **Provide financial support** for the campaign – paid to Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre TUC
- **Support the activities and events** organised as part of the campaign and to communicate this to all branch members and activists.
- **Work with the Steering Committee** to look at how we can implement the campaign in our workplace and across our communities.
- **Encourage** our wider union to support the campaign
- **Work with the organisers of the campaign** [BF&Wyre TUC], and *affiliate* if the branch has not already done so.

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