

**Workers' Liberty's
model amendments
to motions for
NEU conference
2019**



Amendment to Motion 33 – A National Education Service

Under 'Conference', after point ii. add:

iii. Instructs the NEU executive to campaign for all academies and free schools to be brought back under democratically-accountable local authority control as part of campaigning for a national education service.

Amendment to Motion 52, Anti-Racism:

Add 6. to "Conference notes with concern":

6. That although our General Secretary has spoken at a number of the recent anti-racism demonstrations (for example those against Tommy Robinson) there have been no ATL/NUT/NEU contingents on these protests and relatively few school workers or NUT or ATL banners on these mobilisations.

Add iv and v. to "Conference instructs the Executive"

iv. The NEU Executive will no longer "contract out" fighting fascism and the far-right to anti-racist front groups. We need to get directly involved, ourselves, as a mass national union;

v. The NEU agrees to put large numbers of school workers on the streets to counter fascist mobilisations, organising our own stewarded contingents.

Amendment to Motion 68, Palestine:

Add after "demanding a just and peaceful resolution":

Conference agrees with the British TUC that the only viable, peaceful settlement must be two states for the two peoples: "We [re-]commit ourselves to the objective of a two-state solution, based on justice for the Palestinian people and security for Israel, in line with the policy adopted by the ITUC."

We oppose any idea that the destruction of Israel can be a progressive step. The idea that Israeli Jews do not have the right to a state alongside a Palestinian state is anti-semitic.

We aim to encourage direct links between the Israeli peace movement and labour movement and the organisations of the Palestinian working class.

Amendment to Motion 68, Palestine:

Add to point ii in "Conference instructs the Executive to":

We instruct the Executive to ensure that delegations to Israel/Palestine visit Israeli peace organisations and labour movement organisations, including the Histadrut and Israeli education unions, to ensure a continuing dialogue between British and Israeli workers.

We aim to encourage direct links between the Israeli peace movement and labour movement and the organisations of the Palestinian working class.

We oppose any connection between NEU delegations and anti-semitic groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, or their front organisations.

Amendment to motion 84, Fair pay for teachers (84)

Add new point IV under 'Conference instructs the Executive' and renumber accordingly:

"IV. Organise a national demonstration on teachers' pay, school funding, workload and the defence of state education to take place in London on a Saturday in the Summer term and to seek the support of sister unions and the TUC for this initiative."

Amendment to motion 104, Abolish the Anti-Union Laws

Add new point c under 'Conference instructs the Executive'

"c. Add the union to the list of signatories of the statement initiated by Lambeth Unison:

<https://theclarionmag.org/2018/01/26/free-our-unions-statement-for-union-organisations/>"

Appendix the statement:

WE NEED THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE AND STRIKE – FREE OUR UNIONS

We need abolition of the anti-trade union laws, which hamstring workers organising and taking action, and their replacement with strong legal workers' rights. Otherwise we are fighting the challenges of low pay, insecurity and lack of rights with our hands tied behind our backs.

We applaud the 2017 Labour Party conference's unanimous call for repeal of not just the 2016 Trade Union Act, but also the "*anti-union laws introduced in the 1980s and 90s*" by the Tories and maintained after 1997; and for a "*strong legal charter of workers' rights*". "*For unions to be effective workers need an effective right to strike*". This builds on the unanimous 2015 decision that the next Labour government should "*legislate for strong rights to unionise, win recognition and collective bargaining, strike, picket and take solidarity action*".

We will campaign for:

- Complete and speedy repeal of all anti-union laws.
- Strong legal rights for workers to join, recruit to and be represented by a union; strike/take industrial action by a process, at a time and for demands of their own choosing, including in solidarity with any other workers and for broader social and political goals; and picket freely.
- The right to reinstatement for workers found to have been sacked unfairly. A complete ban on dismissal for industrial action, however long it lasts. Full rights from day one of a job.
- Strong rights for unions to access workplaces, win recognition, and establish collective bargaining, including sector-wide bargaining.
- Unions' right to decide their own policies and activities, determine their own structures and rules, and spend their funds as they choose, free from state and employer interference, in line with ILO Conventions and the European Convention on Human Rights.