

27.03.17 mobilising meeting

Juliet G (Lewisham); Graham H (Ealing), Fred M (Lambeth), Susanna F (Lewisham), Truus J (Newham; One Housing TAG), Rob B (Newham), Carl S (Greenwich), John S (E15, One Housing TAG), Aisha (Wandsworth), Nancy T (Waltham Forest), Julie P (Southwark), Ray L (Unite C, Lambeth), Clay M, Peter G (Hackney), Yuca M (Berlin), Pete G, Ruth (Islington), John B (West London), Glyn R (T Hamlets, Unite), Terry Mc (Tower Hamlets), Heather W (Unison), Tom (PA), Eileen S (ATHA, DCH).

1. Agreed to organise national March for Homes 2 (M4H2) 24 June.

Other support so far from National Union of Students (Shelley, NUS vp); Disabled People Against Cuts; National Pensioners Convention; Bishops from Stepney and Waltham Forest
Glyn will update facebook event

2. Issues and demands (to be made sharper and clearer):

Rent controls

Regulate Housing Associations to stop commercial take over

Improve security for private renters, hands off secure tenancies for all

Stop benefit cuts and evictions

Scrapping the Housing & Planning Act

Stop demolition of sound homes – resident vote before any scheme

A home is a right

Don't blame migrants

3. Next action

Organise area and issue-specific protests and events in next month to highlight issues including rent and service charge hikes, empty/luxury developments, public land for private housing, Lendlease and other developers (or other local issues).

Agreed for Lambeth/Wandsworth (Aysha & Fred); Islington (Ruth, Peter); Newham (Rob, John, Truce) so far.

All to approach other campaigners and groups to get involved. Peter G, Graham, Truce, Ray all willing to speak at other meetings

4. Next meeting 10 April 6.30pm

5. Dates and events to leaflet etc

30 March Unite Community Day of Action against Benefit Sanctions including 9.30 -11 a.m outside Camden and Kentish Town JobCentres. Kilburn JCentre 12 noon. Then all branches meet 1pm at Old Palace Yard, SW1P 3JY, march to Parliament Square, and 2pm march to Department for Work and Pensions in Caxton Street More details:

April

1st 12 noon Parliament Square Fight the Housing Benefit cuts for 18-21s

5th 6.30pm Housing Association Residents Action meeting @Millman St community centre, 50 Millman St (between 34-36!) WC1N 3EW

8th 12 noon Boats are Homes: Bargee Travellers march Victoria Embankment gardens, Villiers St WC2N 6NS

10th 6.30pm March for Homes 2 organising meeting – venue tbc

11th 6.30pm Westminster Fairer Housing conference Stowe Centre, 258 Harrow Rd W2 5ES

19th Communities Minister Sajid Javid gives evidence to select committee – details to follow

26th Housing Association alternative awards (outside) Lancaster London Hotel W2 2TY

27th Housing Minister Gavin Barwell speaks on Land use in London (morning: time and venue tbc)

29th Labour Women's conference Unite office Moreland St EC1 details to follow