

1. General Discussion

Report back from LP conference: lots of leaflets given out and contacts made, fringe meeting attended by people including councillors from spread of areas and resolution passed by conference to oppose and repeal the Act.

Noted that the Act currently appears 'stalled', but this is no time for complacency. Need to capitalise on this to widen opposition and resistance- more letters and emails to councillors and MPs, unions.

Agreed to update briefing to take account of new developments (perhaps after Summit?).

2. Next Plans

Agreed that Glyn speak at Stand Up to Racism conference on 8/10 (with Steve and Peter to also attend and help with stall etc.)

Long discussion on plans for **national summit** on 22/10, with following points agreed:

- Urgent need to 'share' and 'invite' event on Facebook [here](#).
- Tea and coffee – will check if we can supply ourselves; or if we need to raise money from unions (Glyn check Unite; Jan re GMB etc)
- Registration - Ruth, Carolyn, Matthew and Steve volunteered to help.
- Eileen to chair opening session and do introduction.
- List of speakers needs to be not 'top table heavy' and balanced, but need to review full list once more confirmations received. General invites should be made, but with no guarantee of speaking.
- There will be a 'video box' and other filming.
- Planning workshop - Jerry Flynn and Duncan Bowie confirmed; Tanya to chair
- HA workshop – focus on how Housing Act affects housing association tenants and workers in particular, and how to resist it. Unite Housing Workers with tenant (and sympathetic Board member if available). Letter to HAs including invite to summit to be drafted and sent this week: Phoebe, Suz, Sigal Put letter on website when agreed.
- Young people, private renters and housing workshop - Generation Rent confirmed; no response yet from Young Teachers (NUT) and RHN.
- How to organise workshop and will include rank and file campaign activists including possibly Unite Community SE, Butterfields, trade unionist eg Liz W Camden
- Agreed to add a workshop specifically on the case for council housing.
- All areas urged to hold at least one stall/leafleting event to promote the summit asap.
- Get summit invite to all Unison Local Government branches (John)
- Need to review and expand mailing lists to councils not already contacted (John and Colin) and opposition MPs (Janice).
- Some 'phone banking' (John, Matthew, Paula and Dean)

Brief discussion on **plans after the summit**. Following agreed in principle:

1. 'Push out' with regional summits.
2. Lobby housing minister.
3. Model motion for all trade unions (Carolyn and Liz)
4. Amend Southwark petition for use for other councils (Tanya); update national petition for use on line and for distribution at Summit (Fred)
5. Demo outside parliament on 23rd Nov (Autumn Statement) - with street theatre.

AOB Financial appeal and petition for Butterfield campaign distributed.

Next meeting 18th Oct, 6.30pm - 8.00pm (venue tbc)