

Meeting: UK ESF Co-ordinating Committee **Date:** Thursday 20 May 2004

Attendance

Organisation	Name
T&G	Adrian Weir
Globalise Resistance	Chris Nineham
PSC	Sarah Colborne
Globalise Resistance	Katya Nasim
SAAR	Lee Brown
GLA Culture	Justine Simons
FM Arts	Doug Holton
CWG & European Creative Forum	Gareth Strangemore-Jones
Red Pepper	Stuart Hodkinson
Global Resistance Network	Rodrigo Nunes
ATTAC UK	Helena Kotkowska
Tobin Tax Network	David Hillman
CPGB/Weekly Worker	Tina Becker
Red Pepper	Oscar Reyes
Just Peace	Nina Bouteldja
London UNISON	Rahul Patel
UNISON	Dick Barry
Oxford Globalise Resistance	Jonathan Neale
Liberty (observer)	Michael Ellman
NUS/ESF Office	Louise Hutchins
NAAR	Milena Buyum
Amicus London Computer Staffs	Alan Rae
Newham Refugee Forum	Elane Heffernan
CND	Kate Hudson
Day-Mer	Taylan Sahbaz
Babels UK	John Street
Babels	Julie Stoll
GLA	Sean O'Curneen
GLA	Dominic Hurley
Abortion Rights	Anne Kane
FM Arts	Camilla Saunders
Babels	Danny Cooley
1990 Trust	Ruhul Tarafder

Apologies

Jane Loftus	– CWU
Sheila Triggs	– Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom
Keith Bennett	– British Afro-Asian Solidarity Organisation
Alex Gordon	– RMT
Nancy Lindisfarne	– NOW
Javier Ruiz	– Indymedia
Dave Jones	– Indymedia
Emma Dowling	– ATTAC London

Facilitator: Adrian Weir, TGWU

Minutes of last meeting

- Under the Office bullet 5 the words ‘generalist staff’ to be inserted after BABELS.
- It was agreed that Minutes of the Coordinating Committee should be posted on the website after they had been agreed by the following committee.

Matters Arising

- None not covered in agenda

East European delegates representation in Paris

- In order to ensure proper representation from East European Countries it was agreed that the UK ESF should:
 - fund at least 2 delegates from East Europe to be nominated by the Eastern Europe ESF Mobilising Cttee constituted in Istanbul.
 - send a request to other countries mobilising cttees for them to fund delegates from East Europe
 - send a request to the French ESF Cttee asking them to prioritise homestay options for delegates from East Europe
 - investigate the state of the Solidarity Fund re possible source of funds (otherwise other existing funds held ie affiliation fees)

Office

- It was noted that the aim is to employ staff as soon as possible, and clarified that these positions would be openly advertised and subject to equal opportunities requirements. The UNISON London Region’s financial contribution would be accessed asap to facilitate this employment.
- It was noted that no other offers to second staff had been received.
- It was noted that UK ESF (London) Ltd was now officially set up.

- The Office Working Group is in contact with BABELS to discuss their requirements and BABELS clarified that they were happy with this and did not need to be on the Office Working Group.
- Rodrigo Nunes volunteered to join the Office Working Group and it was agreed that this would be discussed outside the meeting.
- It was noted that the office was limited in size and opening times so options for volunteers to work from there are limited. It was suggested that volunteers should work as they have done up to now, ie with working groups, on outreach etc with the office playing a co-ordinating role.
- A key job will be the co-ordination of volunteers to assist with the event itself and it was proposed and agreed that a register of volunteers should be started.
- It was noted that offers of assistance had been made by other unions – the GMB possibly some staff time and PCS with visa applications.

BABELS report

- BABELS presented a paper outlining issues for discussion.
- It was clarified that only papers agreed by the Co-ordinating Committee would be translated and likewise put on the website.
- It was agreed that every effort would be made to facilitate BABELS in their work to provide the required interpretation and translation for the ESF in London.
- It was noted that a clear steer was required on certain issues around the BABELS work and that this would be a main agenda item at the co-ordinating cttee of 3rd June.
- It was agreed that Working Group and Coordinating Committee minutes and reports that had been formally agreed by those groups would be posted on the web.
- It was noted that BABELS needed to be in discussion with the programme, outreach and web teams.

Paris International Programme Group Meeting

- The following delegation was agreed (correction made 27.05.04):

Trade Union reps	x 2
Dave Timms	
Anti Racist Orgs	x 1
Kate Hudson or Andrew Burgin	
Jonathan Neale	x 1
Anne Kane	
Naima Bouteldja/Muslim Association of Britain	
Helena Kotkowska	x 1
Total	x 9

Organising Committee

- It was agreed to discuss dates for the next OC meeting at next weeks Coordinating Committee.

Coordinating Committee

- It was agreed to cancel the 10 June CC meeting due to the election.
- It was agreed that the 1 July meeting would be at TGWU HQ offices subject to room availability.

Next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Thursday 27 May from 10-12.30 City Hall