

## **UK ESF Organising Committee 4 March 2004**

**Facilitator:** Dave Hillman

### **1. Minutes of 29 February 2004 and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed

It was agreed that Maureen O'Mara will draft a letter to trade unions.

### **2. Minutes of last UK OC Co-ordinating Committee**

Accepted.

### **3. UK ESF Proposal**

It was agreed that the basis of a proposal to host the ESF in London would be dependent on a balanced budget, including the registration fees agreed on 29 February and a robust reliable website fully capable of functioning as the advance registration and payment facility.

There was discussion on venues.

It was agreed that the core site should be Alexandra Palace.

Other areas should be explored to provide additional seminar and workshop capacity. More dispersed venues might have to have less adequate translation facilities than the central venue at Alexandra Palace.

### **4. Planning for European Assembly 6/7 March**

It was agreed that the agenda for the 6/7 March would be:

Saturday 6 March (10:00 - 17:00)

Facilitators: Sarah Colborne and Kate Hudson

1. UK ESF Proposal
2. Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)
3. Workshops
  - a. Programme
  - b. Culture
  - c. Enlarging the net

If considered necessary, a workshop on travel practicalities for non-UK participants will be held.

Sunday 7 March (10:00 – 13:00)

1. Reports from Workshops
2. Time and place of next European meeting
3. Space for European Social Movements to meet

It was agreed to try to have a 'roundtable' room layout.

## **5. Programme**

It was agreed that proposals on themes would require further consultation with affiliates.

It was agreed that there should be a higher proportion of seminars to plenaries than in Paris to maximise the diversity of the event.

It was agreed to propose that there should be four meetings of two hours each day.

It was agreed that there should be a discussion on 6/7 March on the relative merits of Thurs/Friday/Sat or Fri/Sat/Sun.

It was agreed to invite a number of keynote speakers as soon as possible:

Nelson Mandela	Noam Chomsky	Arundathi Roy
Micheal Moore	Desmond Tutu	Ben Bella
Naomi Kline	John Le Care	Samir Amin
Susan George	Joseph Stiglitz	Vandana Shiva
Walden Belo		

## **6. Next meeting**

Next meeting at Birmingham University on 27 March.