

UK ESF Organising Committee 13 April 2004

Attended by:

Name of Organisation	Delegate Name
GLA	Sean O'Curneen
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Global Resistance Network (RRG)	Rodrigo Nunes
SAVO	Sofia Roupakia
ISR (Internet Socialist Resistance)	Naomi Byron
APC/GreenNet	Karen Banks
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London Assembly Against Racism	Stephen Bolt
National Black Students Alliance	Denis Fernando
Women's International League for Peace & Freedom	Sheila Triggs
WDM	Dave Timms
Unite Against Facism	Sabby Dhalu
Globalise Resistance	Guy Taylor
Camden Unison	Pete Ainsley
Globalise Resistance	Chris Niven
Amicus	Sue Jones
CDAS/Newham Refugee Forum	Elane Hefferman
Indymedia London Personal	Javier Ruie
CND	Kate Hudson
Red Pepper/TNI	Hilary Wainwright
Abortion Rights	Anne Kane
Friends of Ireland	Jayne Fisher
Culture Working Group	Mayra Vivo
Project K	Alex Challinicos
Globalise Resistance	Stephane Popovic
Globalise Resistance	Jonathan Neale
SAAR	Lee Brown
Student CND	Peter Leary
Third World Solidarity	Mushtaq Lasharie
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Outreach	Mora McLagan
Kurdish Federation	Ibrahim Dogus
Kurdish Federation	Deuz Hemit
Halkevi	Gordal Yuce
Kurdish Community Centre	Ali Has
Friends of the Earth	Hannah Griffiths
Babels UK	John Street
WSF-PARAFRINET	Kofi Mawuli-Klu
Just Peace	Maima Bouteblja
CWU	Jane Loftus
Artists Against War	Richy Garratt
Kurdish Community Centre	Gulkan Pelut
London Region Unison	Alison Philcock
Palestine Solidarity Campaign	Sarah Colborne
London Unison	Rahul Patel
NAAR	Molena Buyumi
TGWU/ACTS Central London	Brian Richardson
Revolution	Luke Cooper
Day-mer	T.Sahbaz
Workers Power	Dave Stooking
Globalise Resistance	Katya Nasim
CPGB/Weekly Worker	Tina Becker
Tobin Tax Network	Dave Hillman

Facilitators: Louise Hutchins (National Union of Students) and Alan Rae (Amicus London Computer Staffs)

The following agenda was agreed at the start of the meeting:

1. UK Proposal for the European Assembly at Istanbul
2. Interpretation
3. Istanbul agenda
4. Next meeting

1. UK Proposal for the European Assembly at Istanbul

The paper, "European Social Forum, London October 2004 – developing the programme", agreed by the Programme Working Group on 7 April and by the Coordinating Committee on 8 April was circulated and discussed.

Point 1 - Days on which the ESF is held: Agreed

Point 2a) – Definition of plenaries:

- "...that plenaries last about two hours" amended by removing "about".
- Agreed to add "Plenaries introduce the issues that bring us together at the European Social Forum. Speakers are chosen to present different perspectives on these issues. Where possible, debate will be encouraged".

Point 2b) – Number of plenaries:

- "...that there should therefore be a smaller number, of 8 to 10 plenary sessions" amended to "...that there should therefore be no more than 13 plenaries in line with the number at Mumbai".

Point 2c) – Plenary themes:

- Agreed to insert at start of this point: "The Istanbul European Assembly marks the beginning of a process of consultation on the themes of the European Social Forum 2004 and organisations are invited to present proposals for seminars. The following list of suggested themes was drawn up by the UK ESF Programme Working Group. It is not definitive and is presented to the European Assembly for discussion".

Point 2d) – Speakers at plenaries:

- "To have three organisations from three different countries, one of whom would be in the host country, working together to propose four speakers..." amended to "To have at least three organisations from at least three different countries, at least one of whom would be in the host country, working together to propose four speakers..."
- "To work to ensure speakers from outside Europe are represented adequately in plenaries" amended by removing "adequately".
- Agreed to add "To work to ensure speakers from Central and Eastern Europe are represented in plenaries".
- It was agreed that plenaries would not have a reserved speaker slot for UK representatives.

Point 2e) – Chairs of plenaries: Agreed.

Point 3 – Seminars

- Definition: "...Once organisations have proposed seminars there will be an indispensable merging process. Organisations will be encouraged to merge themselves through direct contacts..." amended to "...Once organisations have proposed seminars there will be an indispensable merging process. Organisations will be encouraged to work together to merge and an online facility for direct contact between organisations will be provided."
- Organisation: "Seminar sessions will be allocated up to two hours programme time" amended by removing "up to".
- Cost: agreed
- Translation: agreed

Point 4 – Workshops: Agreed

Point 5 – Accessibility: Agreed

Point 6 – Overall theme: Agreed

2. Interpretation

It was agreed to ensure that the Istanbul agenda include two new items: Interpretation and NOMAD.

3. Proposed agenda for Istanbul

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Timetable of ESF
2. Seminars – process for proposing /organising
3. Plenaries – proposed number and themes
4. European Assembly Berlin – date
5. Languages & interpretation
6. NOMAD
7. Registration fees for non-Europeans
8. Assembly of Social Movements
9. Report back from Working Groups

4. Next meeting

The next UK Organising Committee will be held at the London School of Economics on Sunday 16 May.