

GRASSROOTS MOMENTUM

Who We Are & What We Fight For

NAME: Grassroots Momentum

AIM: To give national co-ordination and political education to groups of Momentum activists, inspired by Jeremy Corbyn's successful Labour leadership victories, who are:

- Fighting against the effects of austerity in our communities;
- Democratising and transforming the Labour Movement - including standing candidates/slates and improving policy;
- Organising for a working class, socialist transformation of society.

CAMPAIGNS: We stand by all previous campaigns agreed by the Momentum National Committee, including:

1. The NHS - including supporting national demos, Labour days of action, local campaigns and industrial action by health unions to smash the pay cap.
2. Fighting the factionally motivated and unjust suspensions/expulsions/exclusions of the Labour machine.
3. Defending Migrants' rights (not just those from the EU) from Tory Brexit.

We also support workers in struggle by default - from the Derbyshire TAs to the Picture House workers and will actively join their picket lines and assist in any way they deem will help - including winning backing for their dispute from the wider Labour & Trade Union Movement.

POLICY:

We support and want to expand on Jeremy Corbyn's policy proposals from previous leadership campaigns, including his "10 pledges". We will campaign to make these Labour Policies, not just Jeremy Corbyn policies.

We support a mass eco council house building and renovation programme - as agreed at Momentum National Committee on 3rd December 2016.

We will have constructive and principled dialogue with others, and look to partner with groups who have similar political, industrial or campaigning objectives that we can co-ordinate specific work with, including sharing resources e.g. Red Labour & The LRC to draw up slates for national and regional Labour conferences.

WHY WE ARE IMPORTANT: The movement behind Jeremy Corbyn is the chance in a generation to improve the lives of working class people. The movement has an active core as well as a huge periphery (hundreds of thousands); has links to the organised workers movement; and has a youthful dynamism. This movement - in the context of a global economic crisis, the *relative* weakness of the right wing of the Labour Movement and the hatred of the government - has real potential.

The email coup agreed to by six people threatens to derail this potential. Their method is one of back room deals and capitulation rather than faith in the working class to deliver the necessary change. They have ducked away from the necessary political and organisational defence of the movement that got Corbyn elected - including not fighting the factionally motivated suspensions/expulsions of Momentum members.

As such the right wing still control the key levers of power in Labour - despite them being sandwiched between a Socialist leader at the top and a mass membership at the bottom.

We recognise that the real power lies with the activists in the Grassroots. We won't split from Momentum, but we won't waste unnecessary energy fighting a battle that can't be won. As such we will work with and retain membership of Momentum so far as it helps the cause, but will provide our own national co-ordination to avoid being held back by any bureaucratic blockage.

An empowered, organised, educated and co-ordinated Grassroots will sweep aside the Progress/Labour First big business backers within the Labour Movement and put Jeremy Corbyn into power on a socialist programme.