

Let members have their say: debate the amendment to motion 118

Support the appeal against Standing Orders Committee ruling out Motion 118 amendment.

Our amendment would launch a consultation with members on whether we should be able to support candidates who fight for Unite policy but are not official Labour candidates – Jeremy Corbyn for example.

No rule against consultation

The SOC have ruled out the amendment on the false grounds that it contravenes rule 22.2, which states that Unite can only support Labour candidates in elections. But we only call for a consultation, there is no rule against consulting our members!

Referendum

Our wording: “Organise a referendum of all Unite members asking them if they agree with opening up our political fund to support any candidate, inside and outside of the Labour Party, that the Executive Council deems

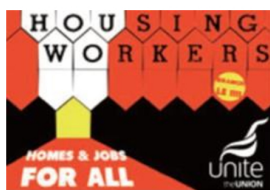
supports the union’s members, including Jeremy Corbyn and other genuine socialist and trade union candidates.”

Discuss political strategy

The SOC is simply wrong to suggest that the amendment is not compatible with any rule. Conference must have the chance to debate it. It was passed at a well-attended branch meeting unanimously. Members felt it was vital for Unite to discuss political strategy.

Basic promises

We should be able to support Jeremy Corbyn – other unions have made that commitment. Our members face the impact of cuts by Labour local authorities and see Labour shadow ministers backing away from even the most basic promises. We need the option to support candidates that do support us and, as a minimum, conference must at least have the chance to debate our legitimate proposal.



Support the St Mungo’s strikers

Our members in the homelessness agency St Mungo’s are on indefinite strike. The strike began on 27th of June. Over the last decade management have increased their spend on senior executives by 385% while real pay of front-line workers has fallen. Visit our website for more details. Support the strike fund using reference St Mungo’s strike fund Account number: 20040626 Sort code: 608301 Account: Unite Housing Workers LE/1111 Branch

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