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**To: Members of the Oxford & District Labour Party**

You are invited to a meeting of the Oxford & District Labour Party at 7:30 p.m. on **Friday 12 October 2018** in the Bill Buckingham room at the **Rose Hill Community Centre**, Ashhurst Way, Oxford OX4 4HF (bus 3 from the city centre, get off at second stop in Ashhurst Way and cross the road - the centre is to your left. Please arrive from 7:15 p.m. so we can start promptly. All members are welcome to attend, speak and vote on all policy issues including resolutions, i.e. everything except item 9.

**Please bring the papers in hardcopy or on phone / tablet / etc.** Also please note that amendments to motions must reach me by **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 10 October**,and that it would be very helpful to have amendments to the minutes and notice of urgent business as far in advance as possible.

CLPs have been invited to make nominations for six new seats on the **National Constitutional Committee**. As with other nominations for national committee, general committee delegates have been asked to send names and supporting statements. If there are any nominations, delegates will be asked to arrive at 7:15 p.m. to collect ballot papers, and to vote within the meeting. We will need three people to check them in by the start of the meeting, and four to count the votes. It may be possible to do this quietly at the back of the hall, otherwise in the foyer. If you can help with either, please contact me in advance.

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**AGENDA**

*7:30* 1. Attendance, apologies and welcome

*7:32* 2. Agreement of agenda and timings

*7:33* 3. Minutes of the all-member meeting on 6 September 2018, attached

*7:35* 4. Matters arising.

*7:37* 5. Urgent business, including any other business.

*7:40* 6. **Three months in Palestine - witnessing the Israeli occupation**. Party member Jamie will speak about his experiences this summer.

*8:15* 7. Fundraising collection

*8:15* 8. National constitutional committee. Ballot papers will be collected from GC delegates.

*8:20* 9. Annual conference reports from delegates, visitors and others. Ann Black’s final NEC report is attached.

*8:45* 10. Parliamentary report - Anneliese Dodds MP

*9:05* 11. Motions.

(a) **Racist violence: Labour and the unions must mobilise** proposed by the Rose Hill, Iffley & Littlemore branch

This meeting notes:

1. The assassination of Jo Cox and the increase in hate crime post-Brexit referendum are both long term indicators of a resurgence of fascism in Britain. Nationally, this has been compounded by racist remarks from the likes of Boris Johnson, and reports of hate crime relating to Islamaphobia and anti-semitism are on the rise.
2. In Oxford, recent racist and fascist incidents include an attack on a synagogue and an attack on the stall of anti-racist campaigners.
3. There were 10,000 – 15,000 racists demonstrating in London on 9th June. At that event there were speeches from a UKIP MEP, a Breitbart representative, the leader of the new Party ‘For Britain’ and a fairly clear incitement of them to launch physical attacks by Geert Wilders that were followed by street battles around Whitehall with the police.
4. At its highest point during the rise of the far right in the late 1970s the national Front were never able to mobilise more than 1,000.

This meeting believes:

1. That anti-fascism and anti-racism is unfortunately currently seen as a fringe activity in the labour movement. It has to be central.
2. The labour movement should take Cable Street in 1936 as one example for our model. When violent racists and fascists gather tougher they should be physically blocked by massive outnumbering. The Labour Party has the numbers to do that.
3. We should take and explain anti-racist, pro-migrant and pro-refugee politics into the working class areas with the EDL and UKIP are active.

This meeting therefore resolves:

1. To call on the CLP and other labour movement organisations (i.e. trade unions) to organise an inclusive meeting of all anti-racists and anti-fascists to act on such policies.
2. We also call on the NEC and national union bodies to mobilise significant numbers of members for anti-racist protests rather than simply passively endorsing such protests.

(b) **Anti-semitism** proposed by the South West Central branch

Oxford Labour Party resolves:

To support the continued work on the NEC to help eliminate antisemitism from the Labour Party

To uphold the principles and recommendations of the Shami Chakrabarti Inquiry and to implement all its findings in all disciplinary actions

To note grave concerns regarding the use and dissemination of secretive recordings of NEC meetings which may potentially bring the Party into disrepute.

*9:26* 12. Executive committee report. The minutes of the meeting on 12 September 2018 are attached.

*9:29* 13. Future meetings. **Friday 9 November 2018** (St Clements Family Centre, Dr Dougal Hargreaves on child poverty and health), **Friday 14 December 2018** (short meeting with refreshments, Summertown church hall).