



- STLP Newsletter for CLP/BLP officers

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AGMs – NEC officer advice – ignore any call to cancel, it's wrong

NEC Officers (wrongly in STLP's view) decided before Christmas to allow any CLP wishing to cancel its AGM to do so. Ray Kennedy, Director of Finance and Compliance circulated an advisory note. That was interpreted by one regional official, who shall remain nameless, as an instruction to CLPs to cancel their AGM. Wrong. The decision of the NEC officers on 30 November was that CLPs were free to hold their AGMs at the usual time or to defer them as they chose. STLP committee's view is that AGMs are vital to show that:

1. income and expenditure is above board and adds up, and
2. elected officers account for their activities on behalf of the collective, and seek a fresh mandate or get replaced by newly-elected officers.

It's called party democracy.

Last minute manifesto consultation – Don't laugh

The manifesto consultation started by Ed Miliband is still open.

<http://www.taomail.co.uk/labour-emails/web/100138/1699/1699/3/224/1338702/2f3a07f0114f95624bbb132b4227b946/>

A note circulated by HO on 13 January 2010 to National Policy Forum (NPF) and National Executive Committee (NEC) constituency reps sets out the process following the joint Policy Committee's decision (wrong in our view) to cancel any further National Policy Forum (NPF) meetings before the General Election. The only way you and your members will get a look in will be by being very vocal. Links to all your NPF and NEC reps are available on Membersnet [here](#). Go to Party Activity in the drop down menu. Click on the links Contact your NPF rep and/or Contact your NEC rep.

STLP - Labour loyalties survey – results to date

Thanks to all of you who completed the Save the Labour Party survey – Labour loyalties to date.

By Friday midnight 15 January 2010 using nine separate on-line 'channels' for the same survey, we had 421 responses in total. STLP's committee met Saturday and is now planning a series of surveys about policies for the 2010 Manifesto over the next four to six weeks. We hope you will continue to participate.

The summary of aggregated responses is as follows:

Filtering out non-members n=329

Q1 – What will be the outcome of the 2010 General Election?

– 44% Tory win (36% narrowly) 23% Labour win (22% narrowly)

Q2 Labour's prospects depend on its policies

– 81% agreed (37% strongly)

Q3 I want a say in shaping the 2010 Manifesto

– 85% agree (47% strongly)

Q4 I am already involved in making Labour's policies

– 54% disagree (19% strongly)

Comment example: Members' views seem rarely to be taken into account. Policy fora are no satisfactory substitute for the previous member involvement at Conference and the role of Conference in shaping the manifesto. (91 members used this facility)

Q5 I will maintain my commitment to Labour whatever the 2010 General Election result

– 91% agree (69% strongly)

Comment example: For me there is still no viable alternative political party. However, I am strongly concerned at how far the Party has moved from some of its core values and protecting working people from the worst excesses of capitalism. (57 members used this facility)

This Survey is part of a broader web-based exercise n=421 (as at 2359 Friday 15 January) of whom 329 are members who used 9 different channels, including Facebook, Labourlist, Labourhome, Membersnet, Bury North and Weston CLPs and City of London BLP. NB. repeat responses blocked from same IP.

What do you think the messages are for the Labour leadership?

Motivating members – would you like to survey your Membership?

The STLP Committee has purchased a professional version of Survey Monkey and is offering a survey service to all CLPs and BLPs. For your **FREE** sample using the same questions as above, sign up for STLP membership – application below - and send STLP a contact name, a 'Thank You' message and website address to encourage members to get more involved before it is too late.

Compass joins CLGA slate-making for NEC/NPF

The coming together of the Centre-Left in the Labour Party continues with Compass joining the Centre-Left Grassroots Alliance. Further details in the the STLP Members' Newsletter due out soon.

[Want to Join STLP? Click here – only £12 a year for CLPs, BLPs or individuals](#)

Special Membership Application offer for CLPs and branches, including FREE Survey

Date:

CLP Name:

Region:

Contact Name:

Address/including Email address:

Tel No:

Please send details of the FREE SURVEY

Application to join Save the Labour Party

I/we wish to become a CLP Affiliate of Save the Labour Party and enclose a subscription (£12 Waged/Affiliation for 2010

In order to enable STLP to comply with data protection legislation I agree to my name and contact details to be held on STLP's database.

Signed _____

Standing Order Form

To the Manager of (enter name and address of your bank)

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Please pay to:

Unity Trust Bank plc, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2HB, Sort code: 08-60-01

For the credit of "Save the Labour Party", Account Number: 20133449

The sum of £_____ (amount in words) _____

Commencing on _____ and thereafter on the _____ day of each month until further notice

Your Bank sort _____ Your Account Number _____

Title of Account _____ Your name _____

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Your signature _____ Date _____

Please return form to: Tony Probert, Membership Secretary STLP

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