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SWOMP is back!



IN 1990 a group of women (thereafter known as High Command) organised a women's dinner under the SWOMP banner – Socialist Women on Male Platforms.

Why? Because we were fed up with the number of trade union and labour movement events and platforms that contained only men. We decided to find a way of making sure women were seen and heard, and specifically to remind men who claim to speak for us all that they don't have the experience to do so.

So we organised a fringe event at 1991 TUC Congress – it wasn't a sit-down-and-be-spoken-at event, but an awards evening with a bar and buffet where the key requirements for atten-

dees (apart from their gender) was a posh frock and earrings. As I described it at the time, it was "ridicule with partying".

Successive years saw more events and we saw the landscape change a little. So OWINE was born. One Woman Is Not Enough was our answer to one of the perceived responses – "we'd better stick a woman in the Chair or we'll get a SWOMP award".

The years rolled by and SWOMP Awards ceremonies were held all over – from Brighton to Blackpool, Glasgow to London.

And then SWOMP subsided – not because the job was done, although we have seen improvements in the

labour and trade union movements – at least in regard to recognition of the problems.

Anyway, High Command decided that 2017 would see the return of SWOMP and the usual glittering event was held on the Sunday evening of TUC Congress in Brighton. There was, this year, an additional motivation – to raise money for the campaign for the statue of Sylvia Pankhurst. Thus we congregated in a brilliant venue, Fluid, right down on the seafront in Brighton.

I would love to say that the evening was brilliant and went without hitch.

However, I can only say that the evening was brilliant. The hitches were horizontal rain, gale force wind, and a bomb scare that evacuated people from their hotels and meant no taxis or vehicles along the Brighton front.

Nonetheless, we welcomed loads of the original SWOMP sisters, plus many who were only infants when we began! And we raised over £500 for Sylvia.

There were three awards – only two were planned, but certain renegade members of High Command designed a third one, secret until the night.

So we gave the first award "The Best of a Bad Lot" to public service workers' union PCS Scotland for their "Step Aside, Brother" campaign – senior representatives/officers stood aside to allow women to come through. As the blog "daughter-sofrosa" describes it: "Neither John nor John stepped out, they Stepped Aside. They still hold office and influence. Their stepping aside makes way. We need more men to do this too".

Our second award "The worst is yet to come" was given to The National and Social Media for their treatment of Diane Abbott – vilified, persecuted and abused during the election, she received around a half of all media abuse – an extreme example of the misogyny and racism of parts of the UK media.

The final one was a new category – an award for "Lifetime Achievement" – a kindness from certain members of High Command and awarded to me. Gail Cartmail suggested that "Since conception SWOMP has benefited from many midwives, however one matron has never missed a shift". There was then mention of roll-ups, red wine, and Leonard Cohen. Grateful and honoured as I am, it perhaps should be re-named as the "survivor" award!

So SWOMP is back and plans are in hand for another glittering event in September 2018 during TUC Congress in Manchester. Let me know if you want to be kept informed.

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The West London Branch of the National Assembly of Women invited Barbara Switzer, former NAW President and member of the Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Committee, to speak at their meeting about the campaign to get a statue of Sylvia Pankhurst erected in London. After many years of fighting for a suitable site, the Committee, with the help of Islington Council and the Corporation of the City of London, have secured agree-

ment for the statue to be placed on Clerkenwell Green, next to the Marx Memorial Library. The next step is to raise the £70,000 to make this happen. West London branch helped with the fundraising by presenting Barbara with a cheque for £100 and a further donation of £50 to the NAW.

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gender and its relation to capitalism

THE *Morning Star* bravely entered the troubled and often choppy waters of the debate on gender identity on 7 October with the publication of a roundtable discussion.

Clearly there are different sides and many nuances within this debate, which is often beset by a wave of intolerance that not only clouds the subject but, from a Marxist perspective, diverts us from objective substantive analysis. The essence of the problem is a failure to understand two underlying issues.

First, there is confusion between biological sex and gender, and second, more fundamentally, there is failure to understand the difference between oppression and discrimination. I want to concentrate on the latter. But first, some thoughts on sex and gender.

There are those who argue that the sex/gender divide is just a socio-political construct. Certainly this is not true for those individuals with gender dysphoria where there is a mismatch between their biological sex and gender identity.

It is also the case that class society has nurtured an ideology of femininity and masculinity which fits the profit motive rather than people's lived experience.

But all of this does not invalidate the fact that the vast majority of humans (unhelpfully labelled "cis") do not experience a mismatch between their biological sex and their gender.

This does not mean that all is well for women who are, by virtue of both sex and gender, historically and currently oppressed in patriarchal class societies.

Oppression is the most important means of maintaining the class relations which support class exploitation and, as such, oppression is a function of class society as well as being a product of it.

This is because oppression, unlike discrimination, is linked materially to the process of class exploitation as well as operating at "superstructural"

level through oppressive ideologies which serve to maintain class rule by dividing the exploited.

Thus oppression operates at two levels. First, at the material level, the fact of oppression is responsible for the superexploitation of the oppressed at the point of production.

Historically an inbuilt inequality within the labour force, expressing itself through low wages and job segregation, has reproduced itself as the normal process when workers sell their labour power.

Its victims are the most easily identifiable workers — black people and women. All indices of wage rates nationally and internationally show that the wages of women and black people are lower than those of white males.

This fact operates to the material advantage of the owners of the means of production — the capitalists — for whom any increase in profit is dependent on an increase in the rate of exploitation.

The fact of class exploitation (and superexploitation) as the central pillar of the capitalist mode of production does not in itself explain how the relations of production are maintained and reproduced.

This can only be understood by examining factors which exist outside the economic relations of production through the operations of ideologies — racism and sexism.

These ideologies can be seen to have a direct material connection to the maintenance of capitalist relations of production in two important ways.

First, because they are connected to the necessity of capital to maintain profit by pushing the value of labour power to its lowest possible limit.

Second, the ideologies of racism and sexism are the chief non-coercive means of preventing the unity of the working class and thereby facilitating the perpetuation of the domination of the minority class over the majority.

So oppression in its material and ideological form is a fundamental prerequisite of capitalist society because it is the most important means of maintaining the relations of production.

Thus it remains an integral function of capitalism to oppress women and black people in order maintain its existence by dividing the working class, exploiting all, but superexploiting the oppressed.

Discrimination, which is undoubtedly experienced by, among others, transgender people, stands in a different relation to capitalism.



Discrimination is not a function of capitalism in the same way as oppression, but it is certainly a byproduct of an unequal and intolerant society and, as such, must be challenged.

In order to do so, however, there is no point in creating even more divisions within the working class by rejecting the theories and movements which have enabled the oppressed to fight back — feminism and anti-racism. Rejecting feminists as "Terfs" (trans exclusionary radical feminists) is presumptive.

Those who seek to deny women-only spaces wilfully fail to recognise the long history of the battle for women's rights. Do they also oppose the fight for equal pay on the grounds that it is women who are the victims of the gender pay gap?

To go down this path plays into the hands of those who rule and thereby undermines our potential collective strength.

In this respect we should not be fooled by the Tory advocacy of the Gender Identity Bill. They are championing this not because they care about the issue but because they want to undermine class politics by championing identity politics instead.

Despite its limitations (as compared to class politics), the now rejected concept of equal rights did at least recognise collective rather than individual solutions.

Identity politics encourages the opposite: it assumes that individual differences outweigh any group identity and in doing so masks and rejects the reality of centuries of discrimination and oppression based on our most noticeable differences — our gender and our skin colour.

We, however, in rejecting a theory which poses no solution to prejudice, should show our hostility to transgender discrimination, not by using Tory divide-and-rule ideology, but by building unity and fighting collectively, against all forms of intolerance, injustice and downright bigotry.

BY PROFESSOR MARY DAVIS

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women in unity – against racism and

I was honoured to have been asked by the National assembly of women to represent them at a march and rally organised by Newcastle Unites.

An estimated 600 people took to the streets on Saturday 9 September 2017 in response to a demo organised to oppose the English Defence League's (EDL) national demonstration. The demonstration organised by the EDL was called in response to the child grooming case where perpetrators were sentenced for crimes grooming vulnerable young women, however it proved to be nothing more than an opportunistic attempt to gain public support for their racist and fascist agenda, which completely dominated their rally and disregarded the horrific suffering and abuse women face from vile individuals of many backgrounds, religions and communities.

The EDL were attempting to use horrendous sexual violence crimes against young women to further their own agenda in demonising the Asian and Islamic communities; they were joined by around 70 members/supporters, many from outside the city. They were met with opposition from hundreds of people in Newcastle.

The message from Newcastle was loud and clear "justice for survivors of abuse, don't let racists divide us" the 600-strong march through the city centre was met with support from bystanders as people held placards



stating "sexual violence has no race or religion" and joined in chants "Justice for survivors, EDL out". The statement (right) released by Newcastle Unites was endorsed by many organisations including Durham Red Labour, Newcastle trades council, the National Assembly of Women, Berwick trade unions council, the TUC's Northern Region, Show Racism the Red Card, Communist Party Northern District, Islamic Diversity Centre, and PCS Northern Region.

The rally itself was addressed by many speakers predominantly female with Pam Wortley – Newcastle Stop the War, Claire Rodgers – Show Racism the Red Card, Weyman Bennett – Unite Against Fascism, Dawn Warcup – People's Assembly against Austerity, Sharifah Rahman – Darlington Stand up to Racism, Imam Roziur Rahman – Chaplaincy, Northumberland, NHS Trust, Pat Wortley – Stop the War, Dan Kebede – Newcastle Unites, and myself (Mollie Brown) National Assembly of Women. The organisers were also sent a message of encouragement from Jeremy Corbyn.

The counter-demonstration was an enormous success and highlighted Newcastle's long-standing intolerance to racism. The speeches were moving, passionate and sympathetic. They touched on many of the issues faced by women in our communities, not only of sexual exploitation of women, but also further challenges such as cuts to police funding and closure of women refuges and support networks, and further recognised that the government needs to be providing safe havens and support for vulnerable women. Newcastle stated unquestionably that we will not be divided by scapegoating communities or by racism and fear incited by far-right groups. Newcastle will respond to these vile crimes as a united community.

BY NAW MEMBER MOLLIE BROWN

statement from Newcastle Unites

We are horrified by recent cases of rape and sexual exploitation of vulnerable women and girls. We pay tribute to the bravery of the victims and offer support in their search for justice and in reconstructing lives torn apart by the evil, cowardly and despicable actions of some men.

We believe all those responsible for these offences should be prosecuted irrespective of their ethnicity or religion and condemn those who would judge or disrespect women and girls on the basis of their appearance or background and all forms of sexism and misogyny.

We also condemn the decision by the English Defence League (EDL) to attempt to use these appalling crimes to further its own ends. We recognise that the recent cases of sexual exploitation in Newcastle were committed predominantly by men from Asian or Middle Eastern backgrounds but they are in no way representative of the communities they come from. These communities have been appalled by these crimes and condemned them in the strongest possible terms. We know that sexual exploitation has no race or religion and is, regrettably, to be found in all communities.

The cynical, opportunist attempts by the EDL and other far right groups to whip up racism by blaming entire communities for the actions of a few depraved individuals must be rejected and resisted.

We urge people of goodwill to support the "EDL NOT WELCOME IN NEWCASTLE" statement and join the "JUSTICE FOR THE SURVIVORS – WE WILL NOT LET THE RACISTS DIVIDE US" gathering.

Newcastle Unites is a community organisation united against all types of discrimination.

National demonstrations
March Against Racism
18 March 2018
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Mollie Brown's speech at the Newcastle Unites rally

THE National Assembly of Women was founded to work for full social, economic, legal, political and cultural independence, equality for women irrespective of age, race, religion, philosophical belief, sexual orientation or nationality.

In the struggle against racism, fascism and imperialism we will work with all women and other progressive organisations that share these aims; which is why we stand here today and speak out alongside many other organisations in standing up for the brave young women that have suffered these appalling crimes committed in Newcastle, furthermore, we condemn the attempts by far-right groups to make these crimes an issue of race and religion.

First and foremost, we want the victims of abuse to know that we stand, in solidarity alongside them in the bravery they have shown, but also in the recovery and reconstruction of their lives that have been destroyed by the despicable and cowardly crimes committed by the men convicted.

Any man guilty of these horrendous crimes should be brought to justice irrespective of race or religion. We stand firm that any sexual exploitation of women, regardless of background, is never going to be acceptable, in our city, country or world.

However, we will rebuke the claims made by far-right groups that abuse and exploit the issue of race or religion. Unfortunately, these sickening crimes against women are happening in many communities at the hands of men from many faiths, upbringings and backgrounds. While we understand that in this case of exploitation many of the perpetrators were from Asian or Middle Eastern backgrounds this does not mean that they, in any way represent the communities they come from. These communities are just as sickened and appalled at the crimes committed as you and I are and have spoke out against the perpetrators, just as we are today.

We cannot let racism and fascism divide us, the horrendous attempts by the EDL and other far-right groups that are using these horrific crimes to gain support from the public, incite hatred and fear is not only opportunistic and divisive but completely overshadows the respect and justice the survivors of these exploitative crimes deserve.

We need to work together to ensure that all abusers guilty for the inhumane, devastating and sadistic crimes committed against women are brought to justice. But, if not just as, but more importantly now, we need to work together as a whole community in Newcastle and in other cities across the country to prevent these horrific crimes from happening to more vulnerable young women.

In the aftermath of this case it is imperative that we ensure that the victims of these crimes and other women that are suffering in silence are given the courage to come forward, that they feel that they have somewhere safe to turn to, we need to ensure that these women aren't left to feel alone and vulnerable and we need to force our government offer these resources freely to women.

Yet worryingly, we have seen the closure of many safe havens all over the country, at a time when such resources are vital women's refuges are being closed, resources that are badly needed in supporting and offering refuge to abused women are closing due to lack of funding. This is something that must be tackled head on as a united community, not a community divided by hate, racism and fear.

The NAW stands firm that no community, race or religion are responsible for these attacks on women, neither should they be scapegoated, blamed, alienated and punished for the crimes committed by these evil individuals.

The NAW will long continue to fight for the equality of women, in doing that we will continue the struggle against racism and fascism. We need to stand together to tackle these struggles, we cannot and must not let racism divide us.

EU – where are we with **Brexit?**

ANITA WRIGHT, NAW PRESIDENT TAKES A LOOK AT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.

MICHEL BARNIER, chief negotiator for Britain's exit from the European Union, announced to delegates attending the EU Economic and Social Committee (EESC*) in July 2017 that "Brexit means uncertainty – for citizens, jobs and business". Barnier's calm, analytical manner is in sharp contrast to the blustering public statements of Teresa May's appointed negotiator, David Davies, who notoriously threatened to "walk away" from EU withdrawal talks, confirming that the Tories have no idea how to secure the best deal for Britain.

Davies' attempt to compress all the issues of EU withdrawal and future trade relations into one set of negotiations is effectively sabotaging the talks. Michel Barnier made it clear from the start that the talks must be approached in stages. In order to provide the conditions for an ordered departure the first stage must deal

with the rights of EU citizens in the UK; the cost of exit – funding of current EU programmes already agreed, and special border issues, notably Ireland. Theresa May's attempt to use British-based EU citizens as a negotiating ploy, her refusal to disclose to Parliament the real costs of leaving the EU and delayed decisions on the Irish border have resulted in the EU negotiations dragging on.

It was anticipated by both Barnier and Davis that stage one would be resolved by October 2017. The failure to meet this deadline jeopardises the second stage of the talks, namely the defining of the new partnership covering issues such as trade, security and defence – and any transitional measures.

If stage one was marked by confusion and deadlock, then it doesn't bode well for stage two where the controversial issues of the Single Market and Customs Union will need to be faced.

TUC general secretary, Frances

O'Grady summed it up in her speech at the London School of Economics in October 2017 when she said that a no-deal situation would be disastrous and that "whichever way they voted in the referendum, the public is losing confidence in the government to get a good deal. Workers want to know that their jobs, rights and livelihoods are safe". She called for a cross party negotiating team to be set up with representatives from businesses and unions to "focus on the realities of the negotiations".

But what exactly are these realities?

Michel Barnier has made it clear that if a country leaves the Single Market, frictionless trade is not possible. Nor is it possible to retain the benefits of the Single Market if a country is not a member. "Only by adhering to the rules of the Single Market and the Customs Union can you have frictionless trade. By leaving both, the UK excludes itself" he said. But both require the free movement of labour and capital, an issue which sharply divides opinion inside Parliament and in the wider movement.

Delegates at the recent TUC Congress clashed on the issue and leading members of the Labour Party have argued that membership of the Single Market and Customs Union would prevent the implementation of Labour's Manifesto pledges to re-nationalise rail; subsidise British industry; change procurement rules to benefit British contractors; halt the privatisation of the NHS and public sector, as well as the pledge to strengthen trade union and employment rights.

Despite fears that withdrawal from the Single Market and Customs Union would adversely impact on trade and employment, Michel Barnier did confirm at the EESC meeting that a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Britain is possible. He spelt out the conditions that must apply: "Any trade agreement must guarantee fair competition and a level playing field... If we are to ratify a Free Trade Agreement with the UK, it will require the agreement of the EU Parliament and the 27 member states". The EU currently has 30 Free Trade Agreements including the most recent FTAs with South Korea, Canada and Japan. They required lengthy and difficult negotiations and a high degree of convergence of that country's regulations to meet EU standards. So it remains to be seen how Britain will fare in these negotiations with a Tory government in power in such political disarray.

The final crunch will come next year when the full details of the Brexit deal will be placed before Parliament.

*** THE EESC IS THE CONSULTATIVE BODY COMPOSED OF EMPLOYERS, TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER SOCIAL PARTNERS.**



Monday 9 October 2017 was the 50th anniversary of the death of revolutionary leader and hero of the Cuban Revolution, Ernesto 'Che' Guevara. Che was executed by Bolivian army officer, Mario Terán, following orders from the CIA in Bolivia in 1967. Almost 40 years later Terán went to have cataract treatment to restore his sight by Cuban doctors operating in the country as part of the Operation Miracle programme. To mark the 50th anniversary of Che Guevara's death, and to revisit his enduring legacy, and that of Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution, Cuba Solidarity Campaign hosted a round Britain tour with Che's daughter, Aleida Guevara in November 2017.

Aleida Guevara March is the eldest daughter of four children born to Che Guevara and his second wife, Aleida March. She is a paediatrician, working at Havana's William Solar Children's Hospital and has also worked on medical brigades in Angola, Ecuador and Nicaragua.

Her visit to Manchester, supported by Unison North West included a tour of the Working Class Museum Library in Salford where Aleida met Eleanor Lewington, NAW Executive Committee member and Trustee of the library and presented the library with a framed photograph of Che Guevara with Fidel Castro.

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Hay2Timbuktu

ANITA WRIGHT REPORTS ON
A LOCAL INITIATIVE

MANY people still believe Timbuktu is a mythical place. Not so the residents of the Welsh-English border town of Hay-on-Wye where I live. The towns were twinned in 2007 because of their shared love of the written word. Hay is known for its bookshops and annual literary festival and the northern Malian town of Timbuktu is an ancient site of Islamic scholarship, and famous for its huge collection of medieval manuscripts. The Welsh government and European Union provided funding to develop trade, education and health projects and a greater awareness between the two communities. Hay2Timbuktu was formed and since then has been busy building links between schoolteachers, health professionals, musicians and artisans.

Much of this work was put on hold in January 2012 when the north of Mali was captured by a rebel alliance of ethnic Tuaregs and Islamic jihadists followed by a military coup in the capital. The intervention by French troops and soldiers from the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) was welcomed by the majority of Malians as it drove back the jihadists and created a level of stability for the country.

This allowed the opportunity for Mali to begin rebuilding civil society and Malian women were determined to contribute to this process. Saran Keita Diakité, President of the Women's Peace and Security Network for Ecowas presented a statement expressing the views of Malian women to the UN Deputy Secretary-General: "We, the women from civil society in Mali, demand the following at the decision-making level: at least 30 per cent female representation in all bodies for crisis management and post-crisis management; participation in political and institutional governance, security and the electoral process; capacity-building in terms of mediation, negotiation, prevention, conflict-management and peace-consolidation; advocacy by the UN Secretary-General in favour of reparation for the harm suffered by rape victims as well as their care; and immediate implementation of a support fund for the self-empowerment of the women of Mali."

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Hay2Timbuktu and Trustee Sandra Skinner (pictured) reported to the AGM that despite the huge difficulties much has been achieved. Hay Primary School raised funds to install electricity in one school and welcomed a teacher from Timbuktu on an exchange visit. Local GPs and medical staff from Hay Surgery have shared



their knowledge and experience with other health professionals in Timbuktu and a motorbike ambulance paid for by the people of Hay in 2015 was particularly appreciated. Cultural links have raised the profile of Malian music in Hay and jewellery produced by Tuareg artisans is sold in our local craft shop.

The two-year project to support maternal and infant health education in three clinics in Timbuktu has been very successful with funds being sent to each clinic for basic equipment and midwifery training.

Grants secured by Hay2Timbuktu paid for educational materials for remedial lessons, English language lessons, maths equipment and laptops to be sent to several schools. The Girls Bursary Project has resulted in girls remaining at school in Timbuktu for

longer and achieving higher than average grades. For many it delayed marriage and allowed them to continue to the next level of education. Schools in Timbuktu have reported that they are in desperate need of toilets. Lack of proper toilet facilities particularly impacts on girls. In the words of one teacher "many girls usually stay at home when they are in need and miss their lessons". So TOILETS4TIMBUKTU was launched in October to fund the building of toilet blocks in three schools in Timbuktu.

The twinning of Hay and Timbuktu has deepened mutual understanding, respect and solidarity in a real and meaningful way for both communities. Something that is desperately needed in today's world.

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UN treaty peace wave

IN a new attempt towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons, the United Nations introduced a new treaty banning the use, development, testing or storing of nuclear weapons under any circumstances. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons opened for signatures on 20 September 2017 at the UN headquarters in New York, the day before The International Day of Peace dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace all around the world.

The agreement was signed by more than 50 UN member states, but several nuclear powers, including America, Britain and France boycotted the signing ceremony. Coming at a time of increased tensions between America and North Korea the move was seen as symbolic since all the nuclear-

armed states and several other countries did not take part when the Treaty was adopted in July 2017.

In an attempt to put pressure on those governments that have not yet signed the Treaty, peace campaigners and women's organisations from a number of countries initiated a global "Peace Wave". Particularly poignant were the demonstrations and rallies in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Tokyo, which included survivors of atomic bombing (Hibakusha) by America in 1945. They were joined by members of the Japan Federation of Women's Organisations (FUDANREN) who urged the Japanese government to leave the US "nuclear umbrella" and sign the Nuclear-ban Treaty without delay and to seek a diplomatic resolution to the nuclear development of North Korea.

remembering **Joyce Woodward**

MEMBERS of the National Assembly of Women were saddened to learn of the death of our sister Joyce Woodward in September. Joyce was a qualified social worker and social work trainer.

She was a long standing member of the National Assembly of Women, CND, Labour Party and supporter of the Morning Star.

Joyce was well known in Yorkshire as a passionate campaigner for peace and equality and remained committed to these principles her whole life.

"The light continues to shine."



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a new year's resolution...

Membership of the National Assembly of Women runs from 1st January to 31st December so please consider setting up a standing order to pay your NAW membership plus an additional contribution to help with the work of the NAW.

A standing order form is available on the NAW website
www.sisters.org.uk

The National Assembly of Women sends seasonal greetings to all our members, affiliates and friends and here's to the continued fight for peace, progress and equality in 2018

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2018 11am-4pm

**UNITE THE UNION
Jack Jones House
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Liverpool L3 8EF**

what's on...

NAW Executive Committee meetings are open to *all* members.

The next meeting is on Saturday 20 January at 11.30am, in London

If you would like to attend please contact the Secretary on naw@sisters.org.uk or at NAW, Bridge House, Newport Street, Hay on Wye, Powys HR3 5BG. A colour pdf of Sisters can be downloaded at www.sisters.org.uk

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