

# After the Unite General Secretary election – what?

How do we keep shaking up Unite to make it more effective?

**Glasgow: 1:30-3pm, Saturday 6 May**

Avant Garde, 34-44 King Street Glasgow G1 5QT

**Manchester: 2-4pm, Sunday 7 May**

Peterloo Room, Mechanics Centre, 103 Princess St  
(Major St entrance), Manchester M1 6DD

**London: 1:30-3:30pm, Saturday 13 May**

Alumni Lecture Theatre, Room 110, SOAS Senate House, Paul  
Webley Wing, Malet Street, London, WC1 7HU

**Birmingham: 3-5pm, Sunday 14 May**

Briar Rose, 25 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham B2 5RE

Hosted by the **#ian4unite** campaign, with Ian Allinson.

Everyone who supports the ideas we campaigned for is welcome to join the discussion, whatever way you voted.

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Ian Allinson posted on [www.ian4unite.org](http://www.ian4unite.org) on 5<sup>th</sup> April:

*“My provisional thoughts are that we should establish some ongoing organisation within Unite. I think it is important that this isn’t primarily focused on elections – it shouldn’t be a rival to the United Left, but occupy a position more like the Construction Rank and File which includes members who are and are not United Left supporters. Though I disagreed with their stance, many good activists have backed Len McCluskey in the current election and members need all of us to work together after the election.*

*If its focus isn’t internal elections, what could such an organisation do? Some possibilities, depending on the views and commitment of those involved, could include:*

- 1. Putting like-minded activists in touch with each other on the basis of region, industry or issue.*
- 2. Acting as an umbrella organisation supporting groups of activists in particular industries pushing for a more robust approach to specific industrial issues e.g. to reject bad deals, raise neglected issues or challenge partnership arrangements.*
- 3. If I’m not elected as General Secretary, can we as activists implement some of the [pledges](#) anyway? For example a regular bulletin highlighting disputes, campaigns and other information; or collecting case studies of our successes?*
- 4. Campaigning to change Unite Policies and Rules.*
- 5. Getting experts and activists together to thrash out effective responses to specific issues affecting many sectors e.g. performance management.*

*In addition to the issues raised in the campaign, many members have been raising the need to reform Unite’s election processes.”*