

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 on 5th 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.”