

Biannual Political Education Report for Walton CLP (2017/2018) – August 2018

Pizza & Policy with Dan Carden and Grahame Morris MPs in April 2018



In early April 2018 at **Pizza & Policy** we revisited The Labour Party Manifesto 2017 together with **Dan Carden MP** and our special guest **Grahame Morris MP**, who talked about the Durham Miners' Gala. We all discussed Labour Party policies that inspired us and looked at ways of how we build on our radical platform to transform Britain for the many, not the few. We addressed the National Education Service, a fair taxation system, the scrapping of university tuition fees, bringing the railways back into public ownership, the end of zero-hour contracts, universal basic income, properly funding our NHS and public services, all in the friendly atmosphere of the Sandon Pub and with slices of delicious pizza.

Intersectionality - Celebrating Identities and Differences in April 2018



In mid April, just before the local elections, Political Education teamed up with Walton CLP Equality and Women's Forums and organized a panel event discussing our identities and differences. This

was about intersectionality; how class, race, gender, sexuality, age, disability, religion, ethnicity, social and economic status, influence who we are and how we perceive the world. We talked about interconnections and celebrated ourselves as complex socio-political human beings who are aware and respectful of one another as we strive towards social and ecological justice. The Irish Centre hosted the event. Our three guest speakers were **Natalie Denny** (Chair of Merseyside People's Assembly against Austerity, Founder of The Homeless Period), **Ruth Gould** (Artistic Director of DaDaFest) and **Helen Marks** (Jewish Voice for Labour). The event was followed up by a discussion and expertly chaired by **Sarah Morton**, Walton CLP Equality Officer.

Grassroots Politics and Alternatives: Labour in local government



Launching Labour's local election campaign, Jeremy Corbyn said: "It is Labour councils, with their spirit of public enterprise and practical municipal socialism, that are finding solutions even in the toughest of times." Following on from the amazing local elections result for all of our six wards, Anfield, Clubmoor, County, Everton, Fazakerley, and Warbreck, in late May 2018 at West Everton Community Council, we discussed grassroots politics and alternatives, looking at the number of exciting initiatives to restructure the economy. Walton CLP member **Tim Jeeves** reported back on the 'Preston Model', and Labour's Alternative Models of Ownership Report. Starting from an axiom that having a secure home is a human right, **Ronnie Hughes**, community organiser and [asenseofplace](https://www.asenseofplace.com) blogger, offered his Top 10 list, a mix of recommended policies and practicalities when working with councillors on housing issues. **Irene Leonard**, Wavertree CLP Treasurer, talked about austerity and economy. Talks can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/ybtpx5dx>

Walton CLP: Getting to Know You



Walton CLP: Getting to Know You was our Summer Solstice at the beautiful Hotel Tia in Anfield. An uplifting evening of music, poetry, art, photography and performances that highlighted what amazing talent we have here in Walton. Thank you to all who participated, **Rachael O'Byrne, Deborah Morgan, Kevin Byrne, Ciarán Doolin, Syed Anwar Ul Haq, Tim Jeeves, Gary Anderson, Melissa Tennant, Jane Corbett, Angela McKay, Robbie Gibbons, Grace Harrison, Andrew Beattie, Ian Byrne, Becky Riley, Alan Gibbons, Ken Dunlop, Catherine Dalton, Jane MacNeil** and **Kevin Sinnott**, We learned about local community projects and initiatives including Fans Supporting Foodbanks, Kitty's Launderette, Stanley Park, and Homebaked – who also provided delicious pies! A special mention to **Maureen Delahunty** for organizing a magnificent raffle, all wonderful audiences who came to give support, our brilliant **Paul McGowan** who [photographed the event and our Walton CLP members](#) and especially **Jayne Lawless and Lena Šimić**, the artist/curator duo for the event.





Together with the events organised in the first half of the year - **Theatre Trip: Reverend Billy & the Stop Shopping Choir** (October 2017), **Reading Forum: Pies & Politics** (December 2017), **Gallery Visit and Discussion: Can art change the world?** (February 2018) and **Demystifying Local Government training session** (March 2018) – this report completes the programme of the Political Education events in Walton CLP for 2017/2018. In addition to eight events we have had, Political Education Officer Lena Šimić led on the Walton CLP Democracy Review submission in March 2018 and helped organise as well as provide a workshop on Labour Manifesto for National Policy Forum consultation at Unite the Union in June 2018.

Future Plans include a session on Renewable Energy, a visit to Liverpool Reform Synagogue, Pies & Politics, as well as, together with TULO, a visit to the theatre on 11 and 12 October 2018 to see ‘The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists’ at the Sandon Pub. We are also planning a trip to the cinema in late autumn to see Mike Leigh’s new film ‘Peterloo’, which will be followed by a post-show political debate.

If you would like to suggest a topic or an idea for Political Education event please email **Lena Šimić**, Walton CLP Political Education Officer on lenasimic@hotmail.com