

PCEC Bi-Monthly Meeting 15.05.23

Present: Andy, Mick, John, Cilla

Apologies: Julian

Meeting Minutes:

1. Membership process

- Alina will send the links to GoCardless and Webcollect to Andy to check which one is better.
- Alina will create a wireframe for the Membership page.
- Andy thinks we should have a branch affiliation fees, especially for those who can afford. Others agree.

2. Sociocracy course

- Alina will ask Abbie what dates she can do end of June/beginning of July. And ask for a blurb for the flyer.
- 3. Press release on MOU
- Alina will send the final version of the press release to directors and ask them to circulate to their contacts.

4. John's report

- John spoke to Mick Mulcahy. Possibilities of setting up an art co-op, but it looks more like a council project.
- Steve Swift from Workers Education Association seems keen and excited to work on a lot of stuff. John will be going to the Union Education Group meeting to introduce himself and then follow up with another meeting with a slot to present our agenda.
- Janet introduced John to the regional education officer from GMB. John sent him an email, but didn't hear back, so he sent him a nudge.
- Mick bumped into an activist and caretaker Stuart Kinvig from UCLan (a rep for Unite) who is interested in what we do.
- Barefoot course: last session was about where to get funding and what support can you expect and get at each stage.

5. Union Co-ops

- Anita Mangan and Cilla developed 2x90min Zoom sessions for a draft/pilot course on Union Co-ops (intro to union co-ops, their history, manifesto, practical stuff, what do they do, what works and what doesn't). It will be co-delivered with Anita at first and then made available for others to amend/improve and deliver. The first two sessions will take place on 26th June and 3rd July (3.30-5pm). It will be donations based.

6. Money

- Andy thought that it's about the time to ask Rachel for another half of money, so he has contacted her. The first installment was paid 1st May 2022 and the 2nd should have been paid on December 2022. Andy didn't push it because we didn't have John.
- Andy bumped into Emma who helps find small organisations apply for funding and charges a small commission fee in case of a win.

7. Date for the next meeting - Tuesday 30th May 5pm.