Round-up of model motions agreed at trade unionists for a new party follow-up meetings

Collated below are the model motions or other action points agreed at the ten union-specific meetings that were held in August and September to follow-up the successful 'Trade Unionists for a New Party' campaign launch on July 21st. The list has been compiled in the order the meetings were held, with a link to the full report of each meeting included.

1. Model motion for Unite branches

This Unite branch welcomes the emergency motion that was passed at the recent Unite Policy Conference in support of the striking Birmingham bin workers.

We support the demand in the motion that "Unite should discuss our relationship with Labour" in response to the brutal attack on our members on the bins by the Labour Birmingham City Council and backed up by Starmer's government.

We also note the statement by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana calling for a new political party "rooted in our communities, trade unions and social movements", with over 700,000 people signing up to be kept informed which will include many Unite members and other trade unionists.

Therefore, this Unite branch calls for the Unite Executive Council to:

1. Continue to back those Unite-supported MPs who have so far had the whip removed for opposing New Labour austerity, and others that are similarly disciplined.

2. Launch the discussion at all levels of Unite about our relationship with Labour and the need for a political strategy that supports our members taking political action on the basis of agreed Unite policies.

3. This discussion should lead to the convening of special policy and rules conferences to draw political and organisational conclusions, potentially including the building of a new workers' party, standing and supporting workers' candidates, calling for a conference across unions to build a political alternative for workers on a pro-worker, socialist programme

4. Unite should send delegations to meetings and conferences organised by trade unionists on political representation for workers.

■ *For the full report of the Unite members meeting see: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21880/12-08-2025/unite-for-a-new-party-meeting-sets-union-specific-campaign-plan/*

2. Model motion for CWU branches

This CWU branch notes:

● The CWU gave over £170,000 to Labour MPs in the 12 months prior to the 2024 election.

● The CWU initiated New Deal For Workers has been watered down by Labour to appease bosses with many changes delayed. The Tory 2016 Trade Union Act and the ban on secondary action could have been repealed on day 1 yet unions remain handcuffed.

● The vicious anti-worker attacks carried through with conscious political support by this Labour government and Labour-controlled councils including strike breaking as seen in Birmingham.

● The cuts to services, as well as attacks on the trans community, migrants, disabled people, and ongoing support for the onslaught in Gaza.

● Developments related to the founding of a new political trade union-based party. Including:

– Unite conference voted to reassess the union's relationship with Labour;

– The statement on the creation of a new political party by the bakers' union (BFAWU) Executive Council (at https://www.bfawu.org/statement-on-the-creation-of-a-new-political-party/);

– The statement by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana calling for a new political party "rooted in our communities, trade unions and social movements", with over 700,000 people signing up to be kept informed which includes many CWU members.

This branch believes:

● These are potentially positive developments toward establishing a political voice for CWU members, the working class and the wider communities we live and work in.

● A new party will be stronger and have more political authority if trade unions – collectively representing more than six million members – participate in the founding of a new party and are represented in the democratic decision-making process of a new party.

● With motions passed at the Unite policy conference and UCU conference opening up discussions in those unions about their political strategy, it is vital that CWU members are not left behind in discussions now taking place across our movement.

Therefore **this CWU branch agrees** to do the following and urgently write to the chair of the NEC, the regional political committees, and Dave Ward to:

● Push for a discussion at all levels of CWU about our relationship with Labour and the need for a political strategy that supports our members taking action.

● Instruct branch political officers, regional official and regional political committees to organise members' meetings with CWU-backed Labour MPs as part of a review of the voting record of those MPs in line with CWU policy.

● To take steps to create a formal CWU parliamentary group of MPs that support our policy including MPs outside of Labour such as Corbyn and the Independent Alliance MPs.

● Launch a union-wide consultation about the best use of the union's political fund, including the question of funding candidates outside the Labour Party who support CWU agreed policy.

● To convene a special policy forum and rules conference in 2026 to draw political and organisational conclusions, potentially including the building of a new workers party, standing and supporting workers candidates, calling for a conference across unions to build a political alternative for workers on a pro-worker, socialist programme.

● To encourage members of our branch to stand as candidates in next year's local elections, linking up with other trade unionists, and to campaign for our union's policies.

■ *For the full report of the CWU members meeting see: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21897/21-08-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-cwu-meeting-report/*

3. Model motion for UCU branches:

Post 16-Educators need new political representation: it's time for the trade unions to take the lead in founding it.

This Branch Notes:

• The ongoing funding crisis across all post-16 education sectors, Labour's delays in implementing its Employment Rights Bill, and ongoing attacks on public services and disability benefits.

• The passing of UCU congress motion 63, which called for new political representation for post-16 educators, and:

– Believes "it is time for UCU and the broader trade union movement to look for an alternative political voice to Labour";

– Resolved to: "Encourage UCU members to stand in elections, linking up with other trade unionists, to fight for our union's policies" and "To invite Jeremy Corbyn, the Independent Alliance in parliament and other pro-worker MPs to attend our National Executive for discussion about how they can support our union's fight for post-16 education funding in parliament".

• Other developments related to the founding of a new political, trade union-based party, including:

– The decision by the Unite conference to reassess the union's relationship with Labour in light of Birmingham Labour council's threat to 'fire and rehire' striking refuse workers;

– The statement on the creation of a new political party by the bakers' union (BFAWU) Executive Council (at https://www.bfawu.org/statement-on-the-creation-of-a-new-political-party/);

– The statement by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana calling for a new political party "rooted in our communities, trade unions and social movements", with over 600,000 people signing up to be kept informed which will include many UCU members and other trade unionists.

This branch believes:

• These are positive developments toward establishing a political voice for post-16 educators, the working class, and the wider communities we live and work in.

• The more than half a million people signing up to be part of the founding process for "your party" is an indicator of the huge potential support there is for a working-class based alternative to Labour. Such a party has the potential to cut across the divisive rhetoric of Reform.

• A new party will be stronger and have more political authority if trade unions – collectively representing more than six million members – participate in the founding of a new party and are represented in the democratic decision-making process of a new party.

• Our union, along with other trade unions, can and should play a leading role in the founding of a new party.

This branch resolves:

• To urgently write to the chair of NEC, the chair of the Strategy and Finance Committee and Jo Grady to call for the urgent implementation of motion 63 and support calls for a special NEC on the question of political strategy to invite Corbyn, Sultana and the Independent Alliance MPs to.

• To call for a joint meeting between the Unite EC, UCU NEC and Bakers' Union executive, and other relevant trade unions to discuss trade union involvement in the founding of a new workers' party.

• To encourage members of our branch to stand as candidates in next year's local elections, linking up with other trade unionists, and to campaign for our union's policies.

■ *The full report of the UCU members meeting is available at: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21908/23-08-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-ucu-members-discuss-the-next-steps/*

4. Motion agreed at the 'Unison 4 A New Party' meeting

This meeting welcomes the declaration by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana that they will be founding a new left-wing party. The fact that 700,000 have signed up to the www.yourparty.uk website to support this initiative shows the potential that a party, once it is formed, could have in fighting for the interests of workers and young people. We also note that the 2025 Unison annual report stated that only 16% of members paid into the Labour Link fund. This clearly shows that affiliation to Labour is no longer a fundamental 'Aim and Objective' for Unison members. We therefore support a fundamental review of the union's political funds, so that all of our members can democratically decide how our money should be spent. We agree to:

● Launch a campaign calling for a full review of Unison's political funds, with a commitment to ballot all members on a range of options so that our money can be used to back only those political candidates and parties who clearly support our union's policies.

● To seek clarity from all candidates in the 2025 general secretary election campaign about whether they support such a review.

● To launch a national petition within the union to campaign for these aims.

● To draw up model motions for branches to submit to national delegate conference 2026 on this issue.

■ *The full report of the Unison members meeting is available at: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21911/25-08-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-in-unison-for-a-workers-voice/*

5. NEU model motion:

Educators need new political representation: it's time for the trade unions to take the lead in founding it

This district/branch notes:

● The ongoing funding and privatisation crisis across all education sectors; Labour's delays in implementing its Employment Rights Bill, and ongoing attacks on public services and disability benefits, as well as attacks on trans rights, migrants and ongoing support for the onslaught in Gaza.

● The statement by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana calling for a new political party "*rooted in our communities, trade unions and social movements*", with 700,000 people signing up to be kept informed, which will include many NEU members and other trade unionists.

● That other unions are involved in discussions: UNITE are reassessing their relationship with Labour; UCU have agreed to "*look for an alternative political voice to Labour*" and the Bakers' union have released a statement on the creation of a new political party.

● That NEU policy agreed this year states in the motion, 'Defending and Extending Members' Rights At Work':

"Conference further instructs the executive to appeal to all the MPs with whom the union is associated, the seven Labour MPs who had the whip withdrawn after voting against keeping the two-child benefit cap and the independent MPs, including Jeremy Corbyn, elected for the first time in 2024 to table amendments to the Employment Rights Bill".

This branch/district believes:

● The battles our members face over: workload, funding, pay, restructuring, academisation etc – will be greatly strengthened if we also have a political voice.

● The number of people signing up to be part of the founding process for 'your party' is an indicator of the huge potential support there is for a working-class based alternative to Labour, with the potential to cut across the divisive rhetoric of Reform.

● Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana have already vocally shared views on education policy, child poverty and Palestine that are compatible with our union policy. This would be greatly amplified by having actual education workers as decision-makers in a new party,

● A new party will be stronger and have more political authority if trade unions - collectively representing more than 6 million members - participate in the founding of a new party and are represented in the democratic decision-making process of a new party.

● Our union, along with other trade unions, can and should play a leading role in the founding of a new party.

This branch/district resolves:

● To request our National Executive members invite Jeremy Corbyn, Zarah Sultana and the Independent Alliance MPs to an urgent meeting of the National Executive to discuss how to build a bloc of MPs in parliament that will fight for the policies of the NEU, and the role of the NEU in steps towards a new party.

● To request our National Executive members approach the Unite EC, UCU NEC and bakers' union executive, and other relevant trade unions, to discuss trade union involvement in the founding of a new workers' party.

● To write to our local trades union council to suggest working with other unions locally to discuss what is locally needed for political representation.

● To elect representatives to attend local meetings about a new workers' party and share the needs of education workers.

■ *The full report of the meeting for NEU members is at: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21920/29-08-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-neu-members-debate-new-term-tasks/*

6. GMB model motion for branches

This GMB branch notes the brutal anti-worker attacks carried through by this Labour government since taking office in July 2024. A year since its election, Labour has failed to fulfil its pledge (and GMB policy) to repeal the Trade Union Act 2016, or lift the ban on secondary action, voted on at GMB Congress 2025. New austerity measures continue the long, painful driving down of British workers' living standards. Vicious job and budget cuts in Labour-controlled councils also continue, as do attacks on the trans community and migrant workers, and ongoing complicity in the genocide in Gaza.

This branch welcomes the announcement by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana calling for a new political party "rooted in our communities, trade unions and social movements", with over 750,000 people so far signing up to be kept informed. This includes many GMB members and other trade unionists, and shows the potential for a new workers' party accountable to, and under the democratic control of, the trade union movement.

With motions passed at Unite policy conference and UCU conference opening up discussions in those unions about their political strategy, and many other unions meeting to debate these issues, it is vital that GMB members are not left behind in the discussions now taking place across our movement.

Therefore, this GMB branch calls on the GMB Central Executive Council (CEC) to:

1. Launch a discussion at all levels of GMB about our relationship with Labour and the need for a political strategy that supports our members taking political action on the basis of agreed GMB policies.

2. Encourage regional councils/committees to organise members' meetings at which members of the GMB Parliamentary Group, as well as the Independent Alliance MPs, are invited to speak. This should include reviewing to what extent an MP's voting record has been in line with GMB policy.

3. Launch a union-wide consultation about the best use of the union's political fund, including the question of funding candidates outside the Labour Party who will fight to implement GMB policies.

4. Convene a special policy and rule amendment conference in 2026 to discuss and draw political and organisational conclusions. This would potentially include the building of a new workers party,

standing and supporting workers candidates, and calling for a conference across unions to build a political alternative for workers based on a pro-worker, socialist programme.

■ *The full report of the meeting for GMB members is at: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21928/02-09-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-taking-up-the-fight-in-the-gmb/*

7. USDAW meeting

There was no model motion discussed at the USDAW meeting but the attendees agreed to circulate ideas for what could be included in motions for the union's 2026 annual delegate meeting, which branches would be discussing in the autumn period.

■ *For the full report of the USDAW meeting see: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21943/09-09-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-usdaw-activists-discuss-campaign/*

8. Napo AGM Motion 21: Enough is Enough – We Need New Political Representation

AGM notes:

• The ongoing funding crisis in the probation service, Cafcass, and across the public sector

• Labour's continuation of austerity and various attacks on the working class and oppressed groups, despite clear opposition and demands for an alternative from the trade union movement

• The 2022 AGM resolution supporting Enough Is Enough and its demands: a real pay rise, slash energy bills, end food poverty, decent homes for all, tax the rich

AGM believes:

• Napo members need political representatives that firmly back our union's policies

• The Labour government is not representing the interests of Napo or the wider working class. Napo and the broader trade union movement must look for an alternative political voice to Labour

AGM resolves, without actions requiring a political fund:

• To contact sister unions with an invitation to enter discussion on establishing a new political voice for the working class

• To invite pro-worker MPs including Jeremy Corbyn MP and Zarah Sultana MP to attend a National Executive Committee meeting for a discussion about how they can support our union's demands for decent funding for probation and Cafcass

• To encourage Napo members to stand in elections, linking up with other trade unionists, to campaign for our union's policies

■ *The full report of the meeting for NAPO members is at: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21981/28-09-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-the-napo-meeting-report/*

9. Motion to the PCS NEC, to be used as a model in branches

This NEC notes:

1) The 2012 decision, supported by 78.9% in a membership ballot of our union, to “stand or support candidates in national elections that would help to defend members’ jobs, pay, pensions and public services”.

2) That Starmer’s government has failed to show the ‘respect’ for PCS members he promised, evidenced in their plans for the civil service, including 15% cuts and a pay remit set at well below the rate of inflation.

3) Further evidence of Labour austerity is demonstrated in the decision to cut disability benefits.

4) The decision by Unite conference to reassess the union’s relationship with Labour if Birmingham Labour council’s threat to ‘fire and rehire’ striking refuse workers is carried through.

5) The UCU congress decision for UCU members to stand in elections, linking up with other trade unionists, to fight for union policies, and to invite Jeremy Corbyn, the Independents, and other pro-worker MPs to attend the UCU executive and discuss how they can support the union’s campaigns.

6) The announcement by Zarah Sultana MP that she has resigned from Labour to co-lead the founding of a new party with Jeremy Corbyn MP.

7) The announcement from Jeremy Corbyn that “the democratic foundations of a new party will soon take shape”.

8) The suspension of Labour MP’s for opposing Labour’s austerity benefit cuts.

This NEC agrees:

1) That these recent events point towards the possibility of the development of a new workers’ party, based on the trade unions, which could fight for the interests of civil servants in parliament, helping “to defend members’ jobs, pay, pensions and public services”.

This NEC further agrees to:

1) Report back to the next NEC how every member of our parliamentary group voted on the disability benefit cuts, and on whether they supported the Early Day Motions over the dismissal of our reps at Benton Park View, with a view to reconstituting our parliamentary group based on those MPs who support PCS policies.

2) Invite Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana to meet with the NEC to discuss how a new workers’ party could be founded that included PCS demands in its programme and with democratic structures – with representation for supporting trade union organisations.

3) To contact the Unite EC, the UCU NEC, and the executives of other relevant trade unions, to propose a joint meeting to discuss the issue.

■ *For the full report of the PCS members meeting see: https://www.tusc.org.uk/21984/28-09-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-pcs-members-discuss-tasks/*

10. Motion agreed at the RMT LT Regional Council on a new workers party, to be used as a model in branches

This meeting notes the announcement by Zarah Sultana that she has resigned from Labour to co-lead a new party with Jeremy Corbyn, and from Jeremy Corbyn that “the democratic foundations of a new party will soon take shape”.

We further note the unacceptable delay to real improvements that workers were promised by the Labour Government, and the Labour Mayor's lack of progress in insourcing within Transport for London. And the ongoing attacks on public services and social welfare.

We call on the NEC to reach out to Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana to discuss mutual goals, and also to discuss with like-minded unions such as Unite and others of the need for trade unions to be at the forefront of the formation of any new workers party and to discuss and be involved in the drafting of programme and policy at a founding conference, which should be based on representative delegates from trade unions, socialist organisations and community groups – as was the case when Labour was founded over a century ago.

This party needs to be anti-cuts, and also needs to have a programme to unite the working class on a socialist programme of nationalisation to take the wealth from the billionaires and to spend the wealth on house building, schools, NHS etc.

Our forebears were involved in founding the Labour Party over a hundred years ago when the Liberals failed to represent our class.

Starmer's Labour are attacking our class and no longer represent our interests. This has contributed to a section of our class and members turning in desperation to the far-right racist Reform, who like Labour, Tories and Liberals represent the billionaire class.

We need a voice for the working class and our union must engage with this new formation and report back to members before the run up to the May 2026 elections.

■ *The full report of the meeting for RMT members, hosted by the LU Engineering branch, is available at: https://www.tusc.org.uk/22000/04-10-2025/trade-unionists-for-a-new-party-bob-crows-old-rmt-branch-hosts-corbyn-meeting/*