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The TUSC Steering Committee met on the
16th of December. It mainly discussed the
election campaign conference.

Please see details below.

See you all on 22 January 2011.

The next Steering Committee meeting is on:
20 January 2011.

Trade Unionist & Socialist Coalition

Conference to discuss the 2011 council elections

Saturday 22 January 2011

3.30pm - 6.00pm

St. Pancras Community Centre, 30 Camden Street,
London, NW1 0LG.

- Speakers:
- Owen Herbert, RMT executive
 - Michael Lavalette
(SWP, Independent Socialist
Councillor Preston)
 - Clive Heemsker (SP) will introduce
the discussion on the TUSC draft
platform for the local elections.

- Conference Chair:
- Dave Nellist (SP, councillor Coventry)

Amendments to the Draft Platform should be
submitted by Friday 14 January 2011.

Please send to:
TUSC, 17 Colebert House, Colebert Avenue,
London E1 4JP
or e-mail: electioncoalition@btinternet.com

The Draft Platform can be found here:
<http://www.tusc.org.uk/>

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From the Unions

PCS - Political campaign latest

The PCS union has just carried out a consultation in
which it asked branches to consider the process for
standing or supporting candidates in national elections.
The results and the next steps will be considered in
January 2011. See <http://bit.ly/g7sVSf>

Devastating council settlement confirms over 70,000 jobs lost.

The GMB union, which has been compiling reports from
local authorities about their expected job losses,
calculates that the number of jobs to go has already
reached over 72,912 at 77 councils.

For more details: <http://bit.ly/fyoGpd>

RMT cleaning crews vote 100% for strike action

RMT train cleaning crews, employed by the Mitie
company and servicing First Great Western services out
of depots at Cardiff and Swansea, have voted by 100%
to take strike action in a dispute over pensions, payment
of wages, failure to communicate and failure to make an
offer on pay for 2010.

For more details: <http://bit.ly/hytmB0>

Newsquest action spreads among NUJ members

Newsquest chapels in Southampton and Brighton
braved the freezing weather and took to the streets
in 48-hour strike action. There was a brilliant
atmosphere at both centres - pickets in Brighton
generated lots of support from the local community
and sister unions, and carol singing chapel members
in Southampton well and truly raised awareness
of the dispute amongst Christmas shoppers in the
town centre.

For more see here: <http://bit.ly/fkp3WI>

Yorkshire and Humberside fire fighters march against emergency cuts

Fire fighters marched through the streets of Hull on
11 December to protest at plans to cut emergency
crew numbers. 170 jobs could be lost if the plans go
ahead. FBU General Secretary Matt Wrack said, 'Cuts
in frontline fire fighters really do cost lives. Fewer
fire fighters means you wait longer after dialling
999.' For pictures of the demo: <http://bit.ly/hZaFzN>
and for a good report see here: <http://bit.ly/eluEzh>

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Information burst

Police charge London student protest on horseback: <http://bit.ly/gTlvUy>

RMT general secretary Bob Crow tells student demonstrators the union is behind them

A video of Bob Crow speaking at the student demonstration that took place on 8th December in central London can be seen here <http://bit.ly/fyGDFm>. The RMT urged its members and other trade unions to support the students: <http://www.tusc.org.uk/>

United Left Alliance formed in Ireland

In the general election the ULA aims to provide a real alternative to the establishment parties. The ULA will be standing candidates throughout the country and are inviting all people, campaigns and groups that want to fight for real change to become part of the Alliance. For more details: <http://www.unitedleftalliance.org/>

IFS report shows cuts will drive 800,000 into poverty - including 100,000 children due to housing benefit cuts by 2013.

Among all children and working-age individuals, we forecast a rise in relative poverty of about 800,000 and a rise in absolute poverty of about 900,000 between 2010-11 and 2013-14.

said Robert Joyce, author of the IFS report: <http://bit.ly/fhE7XD>

For the TUC response see: <http://bit.ly/feZ81g>

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Send us any local or national campaign and trade union news that you want others to see.

TUSC aims to bring trade unionists, socialists and anti-cuts campaigners together to stand candidates at elections who are committed to representing working-class interests. Resistance to the cuts is vital, but we also need a political alternative to the policies of cuts and privatisation. The TUSC believes that a new working-class party is needed that campaigns for a democratic socialist society run in the interests of the millions not the millionaires.

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