

Proscriptions in the Labour Party

1. This [branch / CLP] notes that:
 - a. Many members of the Party have been expelled under the proscriptions introduced by the NEC in July 2021, through retrospective application of the rule change and by treating the sharing of a social media post as support for the originating organisation.
 - b. In the first week of March 2022, two members of Camberwell & Peckham CLP were accused by the Party of supporting proscribed organisations in this way. Both had been active members of the CLP's Executive Committee in recent years.
2. This [branch / CLP] believes that:
 - a. The proscriptions are being used to close down democratic discussion in the Party, and to push socialists out of the Party, whilst the leadership welcomes defecting Tory MPs with open arms.
 - b. It is unjust to apply a new rule retrospectively.
 - c. Sharing a post does not constitute support for the originating organisation.
3. This [branch / CLP] calls for:
 - a. the policy of proscriptions to be overturned by the NEC;
 - b. all cases against members under the proscriptions to be withdrawn;
 - c. an end to all retrospective application of rule changes;
 - d. clarification that sharing a post does not constitute support for the originating organisation.
4. This [branch / CLP] asks the CLP EC to:
 - a. Write to the NEC, explaining the substance of this motion;
 - b. Publicise the substance of this motion on our social media;
 - c. Inform all members in the CLP that two of their comrades face expulsion for having shared a few posts on Facebook, years before the proscription.