

Defend Whittington Hospital Campaign Meeting 12th April 2010

- Feedback from public meeting held 22nd March has been positive. A pre-consultation public meeting will need to be held before September.
- 20,000 leaflets have been printed for the 'Day of Action' on 29th April, which need to be distributed.
- The planned Hustings has been cancelled.
- **Plans for 'Day of Action', Thursday 29th April**
 - Rally outside the Whittington, 12-2pm
 - Activists to dress as black cats outside GP surgeries. **Action** need to write to each target surgery to request their support
 - Activities at City & Islington College
 - Bus Garage – referendum to be held
 - London Met photo opportunity outside, leafleting of students, SF to deliver placards
 - **Action** SF and Gary Heather of Islington Trades Union Council to bring placards to community centre day before
 - **Action** Letter-writing group to advertise 'Day of Action', and to put copy of letter on website
 - Thanks to Islington NUT for £500 donation
- **Building for 'Day of Action'**
 - Petitioning and leafleting, leaflets and posters need distributing
 - Rota for leafleting hospital workers (7am morning shift outside hospital)
 - Joint meeting 22nd April, 6pm, for hospital staff - Unite/Unison/RCN/BMA. Jeremy Corbyn to speak, Alistair to ask Dave Carr, Unite, to speak
 - Currently 10,000 signatures and counting. Additional 1,500 signatures on website
 - Speakers so far for Rally, 4x Labour - Catherine West, Gary Heather, Jeremy Corbyn, Janet Burgess. **To be asked** Wendy Savage, Highgate Society, Dave Morris, Jackie Morris and Ben Timmis (consultants), celebrities from Eastenders, Roger Lloyd-Pack. To ask Caroline Lucas, Emma Dixon, Katie Dawson, Terry Stacey, Lynne Featherstone, and all local political people including Andrew Lansley, Boris Johnson
 - John Falcone, Estates manager at Whittington, has said patients only in hospital forecourt, SF replied that we are all patients. SF to request to police any refusal would be H&Safety issue
 - Balloon release proposed as focus of rally (green balloons with cat logo)

- Megaphone and banners needed
- Stewards needed
- Archway tube - leaflets to Austin Harney
- Green Party HQ Waterlow Road, Alice will deliver leaflets
- Leaflet local estate, Magdala Avenue
- Need to use website more to involve local people
- Rota for leafleting outside hospital next week, new leaflets available with meeting time, 5.45pm
- Need to involve as many workplaces as poss with actions on day. Archway Tower to be utilised, has large no. of employees
- To leaflet outside Hustings meeting 13th April, 6.45pm, Islington Town Hall
- Ibug – Islington Mental health User group based at Whittington, next meeting 27th April, speakers needed. Alistair volunteered
- Unison meeting at Islington Town Hall, requesting a speaker. Jan Pollock has agreed to do this
- Alistair suggested an email request for volunteer speakers is sent out asking for core speakers
- Church groups to be approached for Day of Action eg St Mellitus (Bruce Kent's church), and committees of local mosques, suggest prayers for Whittington, lighting of candles. Rosemary/Alistair to approach St Mellitus
- Kathleen reported letter-writing group to voluntary groups, headteachers, GP surgeries. Kathleen to ask Hungerford school head to organise action on day (NUT rep works there)
- SF to approach Channing Girls School for action on day
- Alistair suggested focusing actions on a few schools, shops, churches, mosques, workplaces for maximum effect Also local artists for actions on day
- SF to ask Tribune for music input
- SF to try out black cat eye masks

- C4 have apologized at allowing David Cameron to dominate recent programme featuring the Whittington campaign
- BBC London – 29 April date is in their diary
- Highgate Fair, 12th June, DWHC to have a stall. Coalition to target summer fairs, to maintain presence in community, combine stalls with PTA's, unions etc People encouraged to do actions at local fairs etc known to them
- Islington Farmers Markets (to talk to council re: sharing stall at Chapel Market, also Alexander Palace Farmers Market – to maintain presence in Haringey
- Dave Carr confirmed unknown when consultation will begin, may be after September, all dates are speculative at present.
- Planning meetings to continue fortnightly at present.

Next meeting **26th April**, agenda will be planning for 'Day of Action'