



Minutes of the 4th EPSU Youth network meeting

London, 4 April 2013

Meeting starting at 9.25

1. **Karen Jennings** Assist General Secretary. Former Chair HSS Standing Committee takes the floor and does a presentation of UNISON: HSS /LRG and PUT. Young members are under 27 years old. 65000 young members, 5% of the total membership.

Explanation of UNISON structures: Young members, Black members, LGBT. 160.000 retired members federated structured. 1.3 million members. 14 Annual conferences on sector.

UNISON and the battle against austerity. Drastic cut in services and benefits. Also fighting the conservative-lib-dem govt.

Unemployment at almost 8%. 16-24 looking for work is 1 million (21.2 % up 0.9% on the previous quarter). Blacks is twice as bad. The UK Government is suggesting that cutting the minimum wage is going to help job creation. She explains the Campaign for a living wage. A living wage improves rates for the lower paid and keeps staff. Recruitment campaign: massive advertising campaign. Recruitment campaign.

A Q&A session takes place with Gary Williams on UNISON answering the different remarks.

2. Evaluation of the different meetings attended by the participants since June and round of presentations.

Participation in the different Standing Committees (HSS, LRG and NEA) although not all participants are at the meeting. At PSI World Congress, the EPSU LRG-CEMR social partners conference in Prague and the ETUC Youth committee.

3. Debate about the future of the network

After a general debate is agreed to have a working group, constituency based, to prepare a paper for discussion to the next EPSU Youth network meeting.

The paper has to look at:

What objectives does the network has.

A campaign = We do not want cuts in the public sector we want young new employment.

What does the network become? A Sharing experience place or organise some actions? Publish statement? For instance on the Youth guarantees. As well as discussing the form of the meetings.

The working group should look at:

- What should be the role/ Objectives? Tasks? the mandate?
- What should be the name?
- Budget & Issues for campaign.
- The role within the structure: Formal committee or not!
- Representativity of the structure.
- Links with the outside world.

Pablo will look at other European youth structures from unions.

The Working group should have elected members by constituency by May. A mailing will be sent by constituency to do the process. Meeting group by skype June. Final draft early July
September EPSU-ETUI Meeting to agree on the final proposals.

The constituencies will be the same that the EPSU constitution: <http://epsu.org/a/5533>

In the meantime Graham Smith has been agreed as the representative for the UK and Ireland constituency on the working party on EPSU Youth Network

4.Future event

Organised with ETUI. Copying the model of La Roche, with also a group of 4 [1 per sector] organising. For the training a survey that includes information about best practices - Youth policy will be sent. The dates will be 16-18 September the venue will be communicated as soon as possible.