

Launch meeting

TRADE UNIONIST AND
SOCIALIST COALITION

Tuesday
9 March

6.45pm Brighthelm Centre

Speakers: Bob Crow RMT
General Secretary, Hannah
Sell Socialist Party Deputy
General Secretary and Dave
Hill your TUSC Brighton
Kempton Parliamentary
Candidate www.tusc.org.uk



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...is standing in the general election to offer a real alternative – and is a chance to build a new independent political voice rooted in the organisations and communities of the working class. Join us!

After thirteen years of New Labour the gap between the fat cats at the top and the rest of us is greater than it was fifty years ago. This year alone the “banksters” in the City have taken £40 billion in bonuses.

Meanwhile, we are being told that all we have to look forward to is “Austerity Britain.” Every establishment party is saying they will take an axe to public services after the general election.

We are facing the worst spending cuts in forty years. In many areas the cuts have already begun. The Tories may wield the biggest axe, but New Labour and the LibDems are doing their best to keep up. New Labour Chancellor Alistair Darling has said: “There will be £57 billion of cuts and tax rises.” The LibDems say there need to be “savage cuts.”

In Brighton Kemptown the Labour candidate is Simon Burgess. He was a central figure in the attempt to sell-off council housing in Brighton & Hove during his time as a councillor. Many members of TUSC were active in the Defend Council Housing campaign that defeated the sell-off and saved Brighton’s housing for future generations.

Pro-big business policies are affecting people in Kemptown in other ways too. For example, the handing over of Falmer High School to fat cat Rod Aldridge as part of New Labour’s “academy” programme. Then there are the job cuts in Brighton, threats to trade union and working conditions and benefits, to local children’s nurseries, to jobs at Sussex University! We, in TUSC, are actively involved in campaigns fighting all these issues.

This coalition is contesting the General Election to show that there is a clear left-wing alternative to policies of public sector cuts, privatisation, increasing inequality and the lowering of living standards. Our coalition is united on the need for mass resistance to the bosses’ class offensive, and for an alternative programme of policies that put the needs of the millions before the millionaires.

Policies

- Public Ownership, Not Privatised Profit
- No Cuts - Quality Public Services
- Jobs, Not Handouts To Bankers & Billionaires
- Employment & Trade Union Rights
- Protect Our Environment - Stop Global Warming
- Decent Pensions & Benefits
- Democracy, Diversity & Justice
- Solidarity Not War
- Socialism

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Come and find out more and how you can help!
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Dave Hill
TUSC Brighton Kemptown
Parliamentary Candidate



Hannah Sell
Socialist Party Deputy
General Secretary



Bob Crow
RMT General
Secretary

Dave Hill: Your TUSC Candidate

Dave Hill is a former Labour Party councillor for Brighton Borough Council and East Sussex County Council, and a former Labour Party Parliamentary candidate having served the town in the 1970s and 1980s.

As a former Labour Group Leader for East Sussex County Council he organised and led the largest peace-time political demonstration in the history of Lewes with a march and rally of 3,000 protesters as part of the Campaign Against the Cuts. This was at the time of Thatcher’s Conservative government cuts in public spending and restrictions on local government.

Having been brought up in Brighton in a working class family from the East End of London, Dave has built up a successful career in education as a teacher and published writer. He is a graduate of the University of Sussex, has taught at a number of the region’s colleges and became a Professor of Education Policy. He now teaches at Middlesex University. He is a long-time active trade unionist for UCU having been a branch rep and regional chair. Dave is a member of Socialist Resistance and a supporter of the Campaign for a New Workers’ Party.