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Annual Report for 2023

Every year we produce an annual report, signed off by the National Members Council summarising the key work of the year and the development of the party. A review of these reports demonstrates the turbulent times we have passed through since in 2019 when our party was founded. In that short space of time, a number of other working class or socialist oriented organisations have come and gone, whilst many that were in existence before Corbyn carry on today much as they did before 2019.

The collapse of project Corbyn, the rise of Starmer, lockdown, the war in Ukraine and the genocide in Gaza are representative of the crisis of the age, the era of imperialism. Anglo-American imperialism is in crisis, its power and resolve tested across an extended front line. Whilst the old world is most certainly in crisis and decay, the new one needs more than a little encouragement to get going. Our party, like the forces at play in the world, is a recognition that something new is approaching and ready to be born. All that we can do is play our part in the development of this process, in the full knowledge that we are not the finished article, that we do not consider ourselves the end point in an era that is crying out in Britain for an alternative to the Uni-Party and the crisis of representation and leadership of the working-class. With this in mind, we can say that with the foundations we have laid since 2019, this year has been a year of real progress for the Workers Party as we built on relationships and styles of work to make the most of the situation we have found ourselves in.

Congress this December will see a new national members council elected, and a re-jigged rule book to replace the one hastily assembled after the last general election. The party is aware of its overall shape, its strengths and its limitations, we have a stable activist base, a reliable financial footing, a growing support and a new incoming leadership that mixes the hardest working and most experienced of our long-standing members with new colleagues that come with experience from different fields.

Our approach

A meeting in early summer 2022 received a political report from George Galloway who speaking of our current objectives outlined three core aims:

Getting it right

meaning putting forward coherent and correct political analysis

Communicating well

meaning broad and accessible media work that articulates our various core political beliefs in a professional, engaging way, developing our capabilities and skills

To turn our influence into membership, and transform our membership into activity

meaning to inspire working people with a faith in their collective power, to appreciate and

understand the varying levels of commitment members can make, and provide multiform ways for those members to get into activity.

The party has attempted to live by these guidelines. A review of one of two fields of activity in 2023 demonstrate this.

Anti-war work – No 2 Nato

Firstly, as most sections of the Left fell in behind the ruling class and hoisted the yellow and blue on village greens, church spires and outside town halls, we alone have attempted to put out the truth about the war in the Ukraine to a mass British audience. Not content with confining our efforts to our small and distinguished band of followers and supporters, we set about working with others to take the truth about the Ukraine war to a wider audience.

The November 2022 NMC set a date in February for an anti-war meeting to unite all the genuine forces in Britain who were questioning the government narrative on the proxy Nato war with Russia. With the support of Chris Williamson and the Resist Movement we called a meeting for early 2023 which was met with unprecedented fury by an army of Nato-controlled bots and hooligans, and met with indifference by the official anti-war movement who wished we would pack up and go home.

St Pancras church was the first to cancel our No 2 Nato public rally, despite having taken payment for the use of their 1,000 capacity venue. Then, with complete transparency we approached Conway Hall, home of the Ethical Society. It was well documented at the time, that their decision to give in to threats and intimidation was almost as disgraceful as the threat of arson, violence and disorder which was promised by the hordes of anonymous, pro-Ukrainian campaigners who harassed the venue.

Coverage by the Daily Mail and Peter Hitchens, only helped build the meeting, and though the luminaries of the official movement declined to attend, after we invited both the Stop the War Coalition and the Communist Party of Britain to speak, we succeeded in uniting a broad range of speakers and attendees, launching No 2 Nato with the help of the Venezuelan Embassy who provided Bolivar Hall when nobody else would step forward to oppose the censorship.

At that meeting more than 800 people sat in three sessions to found No 2 Nato – No 2 War and set a course of campaigning for the rest of the year. Our platform, put into practice our maxim: *we ally with anyone, friend or foe in the cause of good, but we will not ally with friend nor foe in the pursuit of evil.* That clear stance ensured a broad platform of speakers from both Left and Right, united in the common cause of opposing the designs of the Nato bloc in Ukraine. The broadness of the campaign brought new friends as well as new enemies. Our speakers were: George Galloway, Lauren Wilson, Chris Williamson, Dan Kovalik, Nick Brana, Lowkey, former diplomats Craig Murray and Peter Ford, ASLEF vice president Andy Hudd, academic David Miller, journalist Richard Medhurst, campaigner Audrey White and No Cold War Britain activist Fiona Edwards, Clare Daly(MEP), Mick Wallace(MEP), and the GrayZone's Max Blumenthal and Anya Parampil (online).

Following the successful launch of No 2 Nato we held a number of meetings around the country, public meetings were addressed in London, Bristol, Glasgow, two anti-war demonstrations in Glasgow were held in the Spring and Summer, the first on Glasgow Green after threats of arson and violence saw us cancelled by the Patrick Burgh Hall. A series of online broadcasts attracted huge numbers over the course of the year and in August we called a rally outside Whitehall attended by 200 persons and addressed by Peter Ford, Patrick Henningsen, Chris Williamson, Niall McCrae, Konrad Rekas and Tony Gosling.

All this work opposing the drive to war against Russia and the rise of neo-Nazism in Ukraine, has been carried out by our volunteers and funded by the Workers Party of Britain, No 2 Nato having no bank account of its own. These demonstrations against fascism in Ukraine, modest though they are, have been the largest rallies in Britain, and our broadcasts have far exceeded the reach of anti-war groups with budgets and activist numbers far in excess of ours. We can be proud of the job we have done so far on these issues. When the situation demanded it, we rose to the occasion and spoke the truth in a hostile environment.

Anti-war work – Palestine

As the Autumn came about party members and anti-war activists were horrified by the response of Israel to the events of October 7th. The attack on Gaza has felt biblical in its ferocity and scale, the wholesale slaughter of children carried out with such impunity as to bring about a revulsion across the planet with demonstrations of millions upon millions of people.

The Workers Party has played its part in exposing the crimes of the Israeli state, even before October 7th Chris Williamson and Jon Maxted spoke from the platform at the annual al-Quds Day event in London in April. George Galloway has been one of the leading voices internationally since the October 7th events, and comrades Chris Williamson and Peter Ford have spoken eloquently from every platform they have been able to appear on. From our leaders down to our volunteers we have done all we can, considering our strength and size to disseminate the truth about the Israeli occupation on social media, in print and in person at demonstrations and rallies. Our leaders all speaking from a makeshift platform at the November 11 demonstration from Park Lane to the US Embassy.

Trade Union work

At the start of the year the government began work to introduce the minimum service level bill and joined with employers in attacks on workers' rights in the face of unprecedented pressure on wages. Our party has supported all the strikes, including some historically significant campaigns like the one conducted at Amazon by the GMB. We have called out the ruling classes when they have attacked workers seeking to protect their pay and conditions, and our message has been carried into avenues other section of the Left have failed to reach, as those who have followed our engagement strategy closely will have noted. The attack by Capital and its agents in government has been particularly fierce this year with government ministers declaring ambulance workers 'outside the bounds of civilised society' and a prolonged campaign of attack against transport workers and others, with government interference to ensure a deal was kept off the table.

In this climate the party has continued to take its line into the trade union movement whilst developing our positioning still further. We say that a politically independent trade union movement, in the current climate is a step forward from a movement tied to the Labour party. Our call has hitherto been to break the link with Labour. Our trade union group, organised a successful fringe meeting at the Liverpool TUC Congress, with speeches by Tosh McDonald, Andy Hudd, Chris Williamson and Lauren Wilson seen many thousands of times and we sent small delegations to run stalls at this years Durham Miners Gala and Diggers Festival.

In July we organised a successful internal conference on Industry with many thought-provoking pieces submitted on AI, automation, the green agenda and finance banking. This conference also considered the importance of adding to our line in the trade union movement demands around vocational education and opening a discussion on forms of workers control, two constructive proposals.

Publications

In addition to work on social media the members in the Writers team have produced a great amount of analysis that has been regularly put up online, and our two conferences have resulted

in two very interesting publications discussing our view and understanding of imperialism and the future of work and industry. Two pamphlets on the Ukraine war were well received, more than 300 copies being sold, and a No 2 Nato newspaper run of 5,000 was distributed early in the year. A mass of leaflets continues to be designed, printed and distributed. Runs of No 2 Nato leaflets exceed 20,000 copies and there has been 1,000 WPB TU Group advertisements, as well as a run of 200 copies of our pamphlet On Imperialism.

Media

Our party has always recognised the importance of the new media available to us, and this year we have improved our technology with spending on new cameras, new lighting, better backdrops and support services to provide everything from licensed images to Live Streams to subtitling.

The media team facilitate the broadcasts of all Workers Party and No 2 Nato online meetings and the views have been impressive.

In all our Workers Party output has reached 3,433,972 views across the main platforms Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TiKTok & Youtube.

The totals for our May-October No 2 Nato series of online broadcasts reached over 4 million views before we ceased counting.

Though we recognise that views do not necessarily mean engagement, the reach is a clear indication that our ability to unite a multitude of different platforms and stream and broadcast across them helps us hit large audiences. Joint work with Patrick Henningsen, added to the pioneering work of George Galloway, allied to others like Chris Williamson who have built their own platforms, has assisted in the ongoing growth and development of the broadcasts. This is evidenced by the first of the No 2 Nato series garnering views of 218,374 and the eleventh broadcast gaining 1,346,272 views. A figure well beyond any other Left or socialist group. The November broadcast, our most recent, topped this figure with 1,870,570 views. An incredible achievement no matter what criticisms may be levelled (including by ourselves) at the underpinning value of counts for views.

Other channels like Telegram have also seen growth, last year we had 524 followers which has risen to 1,175.

Twitter remains heavily suppressed, our WPB follower count having only risen by a very small amount to a total of 23,000, though the newly launched No2Nato account gathered 6,543 followers in a short space of time.

The top WPB tweet for this year was about Net Zero on 27 July which garnered 232, 000 impressions. Next highest about Blackford and the SNP from 4 Dec had 98, 782, followed by a tweet about a Hiroshima in Gaza 27 October with 75, 389 impressions. The top WPB Facebook post for the period with 702, 637 views was a post about the Russian language being used by Ukrainian civilians.

Facebook followers for No 2 Nato stands at 3,500 with 439 on Instagram and 3,489 on TikTok where the channel has had 348,093 views. We have also ventured into one or two other social media fields.

TikTok for the Workers Party is still pretty strong, although we need new content and have not built on the progress in 2022, largely because we have focused on the No 2 Nato platforms. We have 12,600 followers, our biggest post about the Canadian parliament platforming of a Nazi hit 47, 576 views.

In terms of visitors to our website, the audience is starting to grow again, with a modest increase on last year. In 2023 we've had 70,000 views up on 57,000 views in 2022. This compares with 93,000 in 2021 and 140,000 in 2020.

All of this is supplementary to the incredible platform the party is given on Moats and other of George's platforms. Mainstream corporate media continues to periodically cover our activities, typically breakthroughs are generated by speculation around George contesting by-elections and upsetting the Labour applecart. George's appearance on the Farage Show in the wake of the Coutts banking scandal was another important moment for us this year in our media work.

Other parties

The Workers Party remains an observer on the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition steering committee. Our fundamental criticisms of their style of work when it comes to electoral campaigning notwithstanding, we have made clear our commitment to avoiding unnecessary electoral clashes, whilst pointing out that so far it is we who have stood aside and notifying them of a number of seats under consideration by our party for 2024/the next general election.

We have also played our role in uniting the Left where the Left is willing to forge unity. Our discussions with Chris Williamson and Sian Bloor of the Resist Movement were fruitful and we were pleased to forge formal unity in the summer between our organisations. In May the party held a joint meeting in Birmingham with some members of the Socialist Labour Party, and we hope to deepen our friendship with the SLP and indeed all parties who are willing to work together for shared aims.

Membership & Finances

A review of membership was begun in November 2022 and is ongoing. This has led us to delete from the database more than 783 lapsed members by April 2023. Furthermore, we have removed 2,018 campaign-affiliated supporters who did not seek membership or supporter status, and a large number of lapsed supporters, affiliates and false contacts.

The merger with the Resist Movement has also impacted on the figures for members and supporters this year. In the period July-November we have accepted 227 new full members.

Membership of the party is open to all who agree with our party programme. Members may retain membership of other political parties if said membership does not contravene our political programme and rules.

The party has a number of internal tiers based upon contact with our supporters and members, which consider political commitment, length of service, and style of work. Membership is not dependent upon payment of subscription fees, although £28,500 is projected to be collected to 31 December 2023, whilst our outgoings were £24,500. The merger with Resist brought an additional £2,900 after settling debts, and our supporters gave an additional £4,929 in one-off donations bringing the total amount in 2023 to £32,329.

The total number of members and supporters held on our records in accordance with GDPR is summarised below.

31 December 2019 290

31 December 2020 4,480

31 December 2021 5,877

31 December 2022 5,094

28 November 2023 2,962

Youtube output this year

More than the views this record of our output is instructive for an idea of the subjects and topics covered. Many of the posts were replicated across various platforms.

No2Nato YouTube Clips

MONTH	TITLE
.	Ben felt really good being around like minded people at No2Nato
Feb	Pre-event interview with Andy Hudd of ASLEF
Feb	Fix our country instead of bombing others
March	No2Nato Event Resolution
March	Crispin Flintoff interview with guest speaker Lowkey
March	FREE JULIAN!
March	Not The Andrew Marr Show footage of our No2Nato inaugural event in London
March	Imperialist hegemony is a problem for the working class
March	NO2NATO NO2WAR Rally 25th February 2023 Full Days Coverage
March	State of the Labour Party over NATO
March	Utter disgrace of Labour Party over Nato
March	United in shame!
March	United in shame!
March	What's defensive about NATO?
March	You've gorra love a Scouser
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March	Anya Parampil - growing pains of a new world
March	In what world...?
March	In what world...?
March	Time to face the truth
March	Currency counter-weights
March	20 years on post Iraq: parallels with Ukraine?
March	Lowkey's contribution at our inaugural rally
April	No 2 Nato rally Glasgow Green. 3rd April 2023
April	Britain to invoke Article 13 of the North Atlantic Treaty?
April	No 2 Nato in Scotland on Monday 3 April. Glasgow activist Sandy McBurney opens the rally.
April	No2 sending radioactive depleted uranium to Ukraine
April	Stop the madness!
May	Unity against NATO
May	We are living in dangerous times
May	Unity against the prospect of Nuclear war
May	Nothing else matters with Nuclear War
May	Nothing else matters if Nuclear War happens...
May	America should seek to be revered not despised
May	Are you prepared to defend your own country against your own government?

June	British media is but a mouthpiece for NATO pro-war propaganda
June	Orwellian treatment of dissenters
June	No dissent! No consent!
June	Lies, lies and DAM lies
June	From Russia with Love
June	From Russia with Love
June	Double standards on Donbas
June	Double standards on Donbas
June	Help find Gonzalo
June	Peak Russophobia
June	No2 differences on nuclear war
June	Why is the US hell-bent on nuclear annihilation?
July	The tragedies of NATO
July	NATO support in Ukraine is nothing new
July	The war is coming home!
July	A barrage of nonsense!
July	Joe Biden in the unpronounceables
July	Hundreds of thousands dead for what?
July	No2 Minsk 2.0 poisoned chalice
July	NATO war guaranteed
July	How long before we take to the streets?
July	No mainstream media debate over Ukraine
July	Adult supervision from Uncle Sam 🤖
July	Mr Oppenheimer's efforts now would pale into insignificance
July	Demonstration: 6th August 1pm Whitehall, Opposite Downing St., London
Aug	Where are the United Nations in all of this?
Aug	Let's unite against Armageddon
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Aug	NATO is an aggressive offensive organisation
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Aug	Where are the voices for peace in Westminster?
Aug	Why are we only allowed BBC & Mainstream narratives in our 'democracy'?
Aug	Tony Gosling full speech - No2Nato rally Sunday 6 August
Aug	Patrick Henningsen speech in full No2Nato rally Sun 6 Aug
Aug	Prominent Nazi figures in NATO
Aug	Richard Medhurst full speech Sun 6 Aug central London
Aug	People are waking up
Aug	Niall McCrae full speech Sunday 6 August rally central London
Aug	Former Ambassador Peter Ford full speech at rally Sunday 6 Aug
Aug	Gross hypocrisy of greenism over NATO
Aug	Chris Williamson full speech at the London No2Nato rally Sun 6 August
Aug	US EU NATO state pure economic warfare on Syria
Aug	White man's problems and hypocrisy
Aug	Leftist sectarian groupuscules
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Aug	\$ Money \$
Sept	No2Nato broadcast #8 chair into
Sept	To cull the mockingbirds
Sept	Ukraine conflict: endless war or diplomatic solutions?
Sept	Labour and the extreme centre
Sept	No contradicting the mainstream narrative!
Sept	The only war being won by the west is the propaganda war!
Sept	NATO principles exposed over Nordstream
Sept	Heavy rotation of western mainstream media propaganda
Sept	Western media's complete infantilisation of our public
Sept	Building BRICS
Sept	What's got NATO shi**ing their BRICS?!!! 🤖
Sept	Have sanctions on Russia backfired on Britain?
Sept	No2Nato Broadcast #9 starting SOON
Sept	No2Nato Broadcast #9 - Ukraine Russia: A grain deal of nonsense
Sept	Africa wants an end to conflict - don't you?
Sept	We don't have many leaders like Viktor Orbán
Sept	Bullsh*t grain initiative
Sept	Restoring food sovereignty
Sept	Terminator Starvation!
Sept	BREXIT in name only *BRINO*
Sept	No2Nato broadcast #10 - News on the front-line
Sept	Canadian parliament: A goose step too far
October	Diary of a badman
October	NATO's proxy war on Russia - its path to salvation?
October	Divide and rule tools
October	Canada did Nazi that coming!
October	#No2Trudeau
October	A midnight Nuremberg Rally
October	Sieg Heels!
October	Don't conflate HAMAS with innocents in Palestine
October	March for Palestine rally - TOMORROW Sat 14 Oct central London
October	March for Palestine demo - Sat 14 October
October	Marching for Palestine at the rally in central London Sat 14 Oct
October	Ukraine is so last year!
October	Emerging nuclear monster
October	United for genocide
October	March for Palestine rally - central London Sat 14 October
October	Palestine Rally Derby Saturday 14 October

Total No2Nato clip views

34,991

Workers Party GB YouTube Clips

MONTH	TITLE
Nov	Why the Workers Party believe in a United Britain
Nov	Latest interview between George and Crispin Flintoff
Nov	The Coca Cola COP Out!
Nov	Join us in Manchester for this Trade Union and Labour Party event Saturday 19th November!
Nov	Chris Williamson on intolerance in the Labour party
Dec	SNP Blackford out
Dec	How to deal with mainstream media
Dec	Unmissable Speech on the Drive to World War 3
Dec	No2Nato Launch - What is the point in Nato?
Dec	Say No2Nato in Central London February 25th!
Dec	Final Sunday MOATS '22 monologue from Workers GB Leader George Galloway
Jan	Bookings now open to the FREE No2Nato No2War event in London Saturday February 25
Jan	Further Troubles Ahead
Jan	Child Sex Questionnaires
Jan	Helen discusses with George on MOATS issue getting No2Nato ticket
Jan	Why its important to oppose Nato and get to London 25 Feb
Jan	Should children be able to self-declare their gender?
Jan	Living in the time of monsters
Feb	Zelensky is no Nelson Mandela
Feb	Do our parliaments need a make-over?
Feb	Trade Unions should have an anti-war stance
March	Don't want to die in a nuclear holocaust
March	NATO is a dying dog
March	Counter productivity from NAFO
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March	No more money for NATO wars!
March	No laughing MATTER!
March	Deano says No2Nato
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March	Government disgrace over lock-downs
March	Government disgrace over lock-down
March	Protect life freedom democracy: the fight for Imran Khan and Julian Assange
March	Why didn't Corbyn sue all those liars?
March	Why didn't Corbyn sue all those liars?
March	Democracy in western countries is devoid
March	What is the achievement of our democracy?
April	Workers Party Jon speaking at Al Quds Day Sunday April 16
April	Lauren from Workers Party Britain speaks at Not Our War London
April	Peter Ford former British Ambassador to Syria on the choice of war, more war or most war.
April	Lauren speaks to Unity News 26 April
May	Epic MOATS monologue from Workers Party leader George Galloway Sun 30 April
May	Workers Party publication on the Ukraine War
May	Lauren Wilson interview with Anthony Webber at the Not our War rally

May	Extinction Rebellion - Enemy of the Working Class?
May	Harold Wilson & Jeremy Corbyn - A Very British Coup
May	Harold Wilson and Jeremy Corbyn - A Very British Coup
May	Why are we hostile to these green formations?
May	We need to bring back our traditional industries
May	We need to bring back our traditional industries
May	Let Women Speak Rally - Birmingham #letwomenspeak #letwomenspeakbirmingham
May	Lauren on Unity News discussing the upcoming No2Nato live stream this Thursday
May	No2Nato broadcast Thursday 25 May
June	Trade Unions need to act like they are trade unions
June	Orwellian treatment of dissenters
June	No dissent! No consent!
June	Lies, lies and DAM lies
June	From Russia with Love
June	From Russia with Love
June	Free Assange!
June	No2 differences on nuclear war
July	Pete interviews Dean O'Brien
July	Lauren interviews our latest member the eminent Peter Ford
July	Alexandros interviews Phil Bevin on the role of British left on Ukraine & Special Military operation
July	Joe Biden in the unpronounceables
July	No2 Minsk 2.0 poisoned chalice
July	George Galloway welcomes Chris Williamson to the Workers Party
July	Workers Party Peter Ford always on the right side of history
July	Banks imposing values: seriously?!
August	Say No2Labour join Workers Party GB
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August	School sexualising 4 year olds
Sept	RMT rally and march in central London 31 August
Sept	Tony Gosling discusses potential hope for Julian Assange
Sept	Julian Assange exposed the Guardian and US gov for what they are
Sept	Heavy rotation of western mainstream media propaganda
Sept	Building BRICS
Sept	Western media's complete infantilisation of the general public
Sept	Tosh McDonald - The role of socialists in our trade unions.
Sept	Chris Williamson - The role of socialists in our trade unions.
Sept	Andy Hudd - The role of socialists in our trade unions.
Sept	No2Nato broadcast #9 TONIGHT via No2Nato YouTube and Telegram
Sept	Africa wants an end to conflict: don't you? #Shorts #Africa #FYP
Sept	Boycott and picket Zionist whitewash "Golda"
Sept	Restoring food sovereignty
Sept	Lauren interviews ex-BBC and latest Workers Party recruit Tony Gosling
Sept	BREXIT in name only *BRINO*
Sept	No2Nato broadcast #10 - News from the front-line
Sept	Canadian parliament: A goose step too far
Oct	Canada did Nazi that coming!
Oct	Worker's Summit Lambeth London
Oct	Amazon Activist Darren Westwood on his work

Oct	Jon interviews Harry Eccles at the Workers Summit, central London	
Oct	Harry Eccles on workers organising themselves	
Oct	Palestine Solidarity rally central London 9 October	
Oct	Don't conflate Hamas with innocent Palestinians	
Oct	Appetite for destruction	
Oct	March for Palestine rally Birmingham Saturday 21 October	
Oct	A Hiroshima in 17 days in Gaza	
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