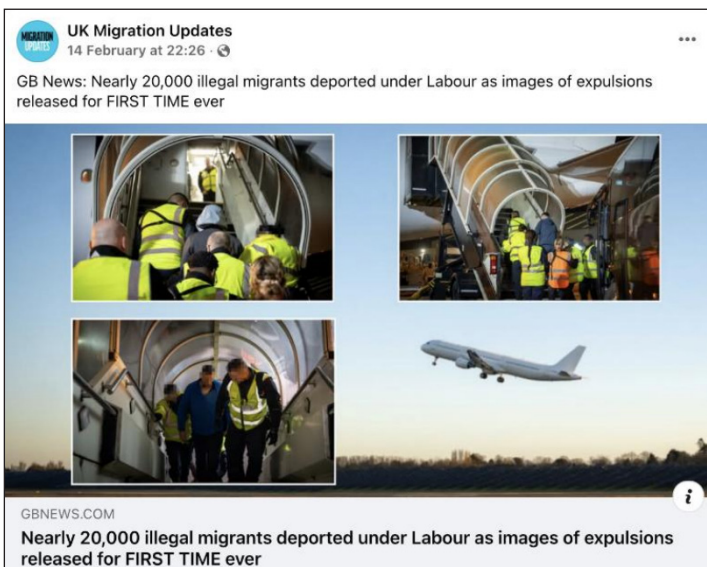


**WHEN WE SHOULD BE PROMOTING RIGHTS AT WORK AND UNDERCUTTING REFORM...**

# WHO AUTHORISED THIS?

**W**idely condemned across the party, pandering to the right-wing narrative, putting migrant lives at risk - in the name of our regional party! Was this the Regional Board? Or did they not know? This question must be answered today, and lessons learned. Yes, we need to take on Reform. No, this is not how."



## 'BLUE LABOUR' DOES NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS

**L**abour Party supporters were shocked and angered at reports in the Guardian of 6 February about a Facebook group called UK Migration Updates that claims it is run by Yorkshire and Humber Labour Party but was using Reform colours and linking to right-wing content from GB News and the Telegraph.

On the other side, we have new pressure from Lord Maurice Glasman's "Blue Labour". Glasman accepted a personal invite from Donald Trump for Trump's inauguration, and was the only Labour figure there. In an interview with currently-out-of-favour Trumpist Steve Bannon Glasman hailed the inauguration as 'an incredibly important day', called "progressive" thinking "woke capitalism, and denounced it as a cancer in the Labour Party. Glasman says that "the only place to build

a house now is on the left side of MAGA square".

Glasman is not in Starmer's inner circle - he denounces Rachel Reeves - but he claims that Starmer's Chief of Staff, Morgan McSweeney "is one of ours, we love him". Dan Carden, a formerly leftish Labour MP who resigned from the front bench to back a ceasefire in Gaza, has started a Blue Labour group. Glasman started Blue Labour in 2009, but retreated after outcry over his 2011 claim that English Defence League people should be drawn into the Labour Party.

Only through inactivity by the "progressive" majority can screwball racists take hold of sections of the Labour Party.

We need to campaign for democracy in the labour movement. For the removal of the Labour whip from Glasman (he sits in the House of

Lords). And for unions to campaign on the policies of supporting refugees which most of them have. □

### -FRINGE MEETING- FIGHTING THE FAR RIGHT

**5:30-7pm, Saturday March 1st.**  
Sadacca, (Sheffield & District African Caribbean Community Association)  
48, Wicker, City Centre, Sheffield  
S3 8JB

**Organised by**  
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# REINSTATE THE THREE SUSPENDED MPs!

**W**hile the whip has been re-stored to four of the seven Labour MPs who correctly rebelled over the two child benefit cap last year, our leadership still has yet to offer such respect to left wing MPs Zarah Sultana, Apsana Begum and John McDonnell. What differentiates these three so much? Is it that they are three of the most vocal critics of Starmer's leadership and its errors, particularly around Palestine? McDonnell has been a speaker on the marches, and Begum and Sultana have been continuously vocal at other gatherings. The latter two have

also been open in speaking about the horrific racism and harassment they have faced as female Muslim MPs, with Begum being the first Hijab wearing MP, including that which has come from within the Labour party itself. By keeping these three MPs suspended from the whip, all Starmer and his leadership is doing is continuing to divide the Labour Party, prove their intolerance of dissent and refusal to support or protect MPs and members who need it most. Reinstate the three suspended MPs and end Starmer's continued division of Labour!

## SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS:

Selby CLP: **Take buses back into public control**

Leeds South CLP: **No to child poverty, free school meals for all**

Leeds East CLP: **Council housing - the solution to the crisis**

Calder Valley CLP: **Yorkshire Water accountability and affordability**

# WHERE LABOUR FALTERS, REFORM GAINS!

**I**f anything can be taken from by-elections in Yorkshire since the General Election last year it is this; we are losing support and Reform UK is gaining it. In October of last year we lost the Farnley and Wortley by-election in Leeds to the Greens. While a bad result in that alone, it is made worse in that we only achieved 25% of the vote, our worst result since 2004 in that Ward, and only placed second just 1% ahead of Reform. An even worse situation was presented in November by the Woodhouse by-election in Sheffield. The safe Labour seat was not only won by the Lib Dems, but we were kicked to third place with Reform only being 10 votes away from winning the ward outright.

Our leadership has clearly failed to transform the UK as it needs to. Instead of taxing the rich and funding our public services, we have seen the continuation of austerity with policies like the two child benefit cap and winter fuel allowance cuts. These have only become sticks with which the far-right can beat La-

bour over the head and gain ground where it was once ours. We must see a real, transformative push to the left if we want to avoid the worsening of the far right threat. We must tax the rich, fund our public services and repeal all anti-trade union laws if we want to empower and gain the trust of those communities which have been left behind as targets for the far-right.

## Yorkshire Water - slippery slope of sewage

**E**veryone has heard the news about Thames Water being days from bankruptcy, and borrowing £3Bn to be paid back by bill-payers in order to avoid temporary nationalisation - whilst still paying millions to shareholders of course. Yorkshire Water is not far off the same position, putting bills up by 41% whilst rated 'poor' and one of the countries worst regional monopolies, dumping sewage in our streams, and handing out £6.8m in executive bonuses. Calder Valley CLP's motion calls for Yorkshire Water to be taken into special

administration, "eventually bringing it back into public ownership". The NW Regional Conference in November passed a similar motion about United Utilities. A second regional conference condemning the failed privatisation experiment this weekend would be good - especially as we are in the run up to the March 28th second reading of Clive Lewis' private members bill calling for public ownership of water to be back on the agenda.

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LABOUR LEFT INTERNATIONALISTS

Agree with any of what you read? Disagree and want to argue with us? Want to work to re-build a healthy Labour left-wing at the grassroots? Keep in touch at <https://labour-leftint.uk/> or use the QR-code.

We also recommend to keep in touch with CLPD  
[www.clpd.org.uk](http://www.clpd.org.uk)

**LLI, March 1st  
2025**

