

Newsletter

of the *Alliance for Green Socialism* – January 2012
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AGS Conference 2012

This year's AGS annual conference is on
Saturday 14th April 2012
from 11am to 6pm
in London at the
Calthorpe Arms, Kings Cross, WC1X 8JR
Please come if you can.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

tube: Kings Cross or Chancery Lane (15 minutes walk from either, along Grays Inn Road)

buses: 17, 45 to the door
plus 19, 38, 55, 243, 341 nearby

Overnight accommodation will be available for Friday & Saturday nights. Book via the Secretary. There will be a social on the Saturday evening, immediately following the conference, at the Calthorpe Arms.

POOLED FARE

A pooled fare will operate for everyone attending conference, as a condition of attending.

The principle is simple: going to conference should cost everyone the same.

All those attending, from near or far, will either pay in to the pool (if their travel costs are low) or get a rebate from the pool (if their costs are high). For this purpose, travel costs will be based on the standard coach fare. (Of course, you can actually travel however you like).

When you arrive you will need to tell the door-person where you have come from so that your rebate or contribution can be worked out.

The last three times we have operated a pooled fare system, no-one had to put in more than ten pounds.

AGS POLICY MOTIONS

Conference is your chance to make AGS policy.

Motions can be emailed or sent on paper to the Secretary, 24 St Martins Drive, Leeds, LS7 3LR
celiafoote@nasuwt.net

Policy motions should, if possible, be in by 16 March and must, at the latest, be in by **6 April 2012**.

If you want help in drafting a motion, contact the Chair, Secretary, or any of the national committee.

OFFICERS & NATIONAL COMMITTEE

You are invited to **nominate** (or volunteer) for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor, or Press Officer; also for the three directly elected non-officer members of the national committee.

You don't have to be a genius or a dynamo, just be willing to attend some meetings and do a little work.

Nominations should go to the Secretary and must be in by **13 April 2012**.

AGS groups should review who might **represent** them on the national committee and inform the Secretary. Could you represent your group?

RULES MOTIONS

Motions to alter the constitution should go to the Secretary and must be in by **16 March 2012**.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS: RAGA

The AGS, together with green-left organisations in Turkey, France, Belgium, Spain and South America, is helping to organise a congress in Istanbul in July this year.

The intention is to bring together red/green groups from different countries to look at how we can work together. We hope to have a hundred or two from a wide range of countries, probably with the emphasis on Europe, the near east and South America.

The "Red And Green Alliance" congress will run from 5th to 8th of July 2012 in Istanbul. The Turkish group doing much of the practical work on hosting is "Yesil ve Sol" (Green & Left). Another major player is the French group "Les Alternatifs" with whom the AGS already has a record of cooperation.

One preparatory meeting has already been held, and there is another next month. If you have ideas to contribute, do tell the Chair.

If you would be interested in attending this RAGA congress in July, please let the national committee know.

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The extent to which the AGS might be able to help with the cost of attending is not yet clear, but obviously there are only extremely limited resources available. However, our Turkish friends may be able to help with accommodation.

Meetings of the national committee are normally open to any member to observe. Meetings are on Saturdays, most often at the Calthorpe Arms on Grays Inn Road, Kings Cross, London.

25 Feb 2012 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 12:00
12 May 2012 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 13:15
7 Jul 2012 venue tba 12:00
8 Sep 2012 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 13:15
10 Nov 2012 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 12:00
12 Jan 2013 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR 13:15
9 Mar 2013 Calthorpe Arms, London WC1X 8JR

ANNUAL CONFERENCE Sat 14 Apr 2012 London

CHEAP CONFERENCE RAIL TICKETS

Advance purchase rail tickets for the weekend of AGS conference go on sale next week.

For example, if you book early, it can be only £20 Leeds to London return. Or even less with a railcard.

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