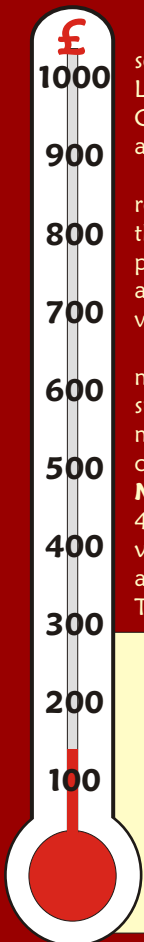


RAISE THE HEAT ON NEW LABOUR



Respect in Greater Manchester have selected three candidates to challenge New Labour at the local elections in June - in Cheetham Hill and Moss Side in Manchester and Atherton in Wigan.

For those campaigns to be successful - in reaching out to all those who feel let down by the three main parties' policies of war and privatisation - we will need to produce leaflets and other publicity during the campaign. This will cost around £1000.

Unlike Labour and the Tories we get no million pound donations. We rely on the support of ordinary working people. Please make a donation - however small or large - to our campaign. Please send cheques payable to **Manchester Respect** to The Treasurer, GMRR, 42 Manor Road, Manchester, M32 9HU or visit our website at www.gmrespect.org.uk and donate online using a credit or debit card. Thank you for your kind support.

Respect for youth

“There should be somewhere for the youth to meet. Every kid is into music-rapping and singing. Grime is all the rage. In Birmingham they have a double decker bus equipped as a music centre and even in Hulme they have the Power House. Why not Cheetham Hill?”
Wassim, Cheetham

Greater Manchester Respect Renewal Branch Meetings

We meet on the first Thursday of every month starting at 7.30pm, at the Saffron restaurant, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester (200m from MEN arena).

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd April**. Please come along if you want to get involved in our campaigns or to find out more about Respect.

JOIN US

Membership of Respect Renewal costs just £10 waged and £5 unwaged. To join simply fill in the form below and send with a cheque to the address below.

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THE CASE FOR A NEW LEFT ALTERNATIVE

A MESSAGE FROM DR KAY PHILLIPS

“People feel betrayed by New Labour.

“In 1997 we didn't vote for war. We didn't vote for our public services to be sold off to private companies. We didn't vote for our young people to have no youth clubs to go to or to have to pay to go to university. We didn't vote for identity cards and attacks on our civil liberties.

“We didn't vote for pensions so low that many old people have to make the choice between heating and eating. We expected more.

“That is why so many of us are disappointed by New Labour's shift to the right - they are now the same as the Tories and the Lib Dems.

“New Labour has always put the needs of private companies before the needs of communities. It has pushed privatisation into our core public services. The NHS, education, benefits and pensions are under



Dr Kay Phillips (centre) meets the voters of Cheetham with George Galloway MP

constant attack. Students are weighed down with loans and tuition fees.

“The gap between rich and poor is still increasing. Yet there is no lack of wealth or resources - Britain is the fourth richest country in the world!

“Respect aims to fill the space left by the fact that the three main parties are so similar. We stand for a new type of politics which will represent ordinary people and support their campaigns and struggles and give them a voice in every arena.

“Respect believes that public services should be owned by, and be accountable to, those who use them and work in them. We would bring the utilities - water, gas, electricity and communications - back into public ownership. Respect would bring the trains, trams and buses back into public ownership.

“Respect would extend public ownership into the key sectors of the economy. We would increase taxation on the big corporations and the wealthy to fund public services.”

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George Galloway MP visits Cheetham Hill

On his recent visit to Manchester Respect MP George Galloway joined local Respect members on the streets of Cheetham Hill.

George was here to meet local people and support Kay Phillips, Respect's prospective candidate for Cheetham in the May local elections.

Kay has a long track record of campaigning in north Manchester: against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; for improved public services and local community facilities; and in support of striking workers, asylum seekers and others.

At a North Manchester Against Wars meeting, chaired by Kay Phillips, George delivered a powerful and moving speech about the devastating legacy of the Iraq war.

As an MP, George has been the most vocal opponent of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Kay was a founding member of local anti-war group North Manchester Against Wars.

Respect believes that the devastating legacy of the Iraq war, 5 years after it started, is: 5 million Iraqis dead and displaced; a country destroyed; hundreds of British soldiers



"My recent visit to Manchester was a real pleasure - the warm response I received from the people of Cheetham Hill was wonderful. I can wholeheartedly endorse Dr Kay Phillips as our prospective Respect candidate for the Cheetham ward. Her experience of working in the NHS gives Kay a real understanding of the problems facing our public services. No one will be able to ignore the issues affecting the people of Cheetham with Kay in the council chamber. I urge everyone to join her campaign."

GEORGE GALLOWAY MP

dead and injured and billions of pounds wasted.

Respect believes that these billions should have been used to improve our public services; to raise pensions; to build schools and hospitals; to provide good, cheap public transport and to provide decent affordable housing and leisure facilities.

One of the most damaging legacies of these wars for our communities is a rise in racism and Islamophobia. Respect is proud to stand against racism and in solidarity with Muslims in our community.

Respect is a radical political alternative to the

rightward march of New Labour and the other establishment parties. Although it grew out of the mass opposition to the war on Iraq, it is more than an anti-war party.

Supporting Respect is a crucial step towards the creation of a new radical working-class voice that will speak for millions who, through the betrayals of New Labour, have lost their political representation.

Over the next few weeks we will be holding a series of public forums and campaign stalls in Cheetham. Why not join us.

Visit our website for more details.

RESPECT EVENTS

Visit www.gmrespect.org.uk or phone 07863 223 156 for more details

Climate Change and the Congestion Charge

7.30pm, Thursday 27th March
Saffron Restaurant, Cheetham Hill Road

What is the best way to tackle the problem of global warming and climate change? Cars are responsible for releasing greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. But is the introduction of a Congestion Charge in Manchester really the best way to reduce our reliance on cars?

Respect believes Congestion Charging is a regressive tax that will hit the poor hardest. We need an excellent public transport system to encourage people out of their cars. Proper investment in public transport and car free areas would really improve people's quality of life in Manchester.

Public Forum; Where Next for Pakistan?

7.30pm, Thursday 10th April
Saffron Restaurant, Cheetham Hill Road

Millions voted for the two main opposition parties and against Musharraf in the hope that a new government would address the enormous inequalities that exist between rich and poor in Pakistan. But despite their democratic principles, both the PPP (Pakistan People's Party) and the PML (Pakistan Muslim League) remain committed to neo-liberal economic policies and Bush's 'War on Terror.' What are the prospects that the new government in Pakistan will start to address the issues of poverty, inequality and insecurity?

Gaza Solidarity Event

6.30pm, Sunday 19th April
Saffron Restaurant, Cheetham Hill Road

The Israeli blockade of Gaza is causing enormous suffering to the Palestinians who live there. The 1.5 million people who live in Gaza are suffering from shortages of clean water, food, medicines, fuel and other basic necessities.

Respect will be hosting a solidarity event at Saffron Restaurant on Sunday 19th April. Please come along and show your support. All money raised will go to Human Appeal International, a Manchester based charity with an office in Gaza city. They are one of the few aid agencies who still have access to Gaza. The money will be spent on providing food and medicine.

Why we're backing Kay



"I believe Cheetham needs to be represented by a party that will speak for the voiceless and democratically dispossessed and I believe that party to be Respect."

Paul Kelly, Cheetham resident



"I support Respect because I'm sick of the hearing our elected councillors make promises to the local community to improve the area then breaking their promises. I have seen Respect have their stall out every Saturday, meeting members of the public and listening to their views. I think it's brilliant to have the Respect Party in Cheetham Hill."

Mudasser, Cheetham resident

Don't forget to register to vote by 16th April

There will be local elections in Manchester on May 1st 2008. To vote in these elections you **must be on the electoral register**. If you are not already on it, the last day you can register to vote is **Wednesday 16th April 2008**.

Phone Manchester City Council's Registration Officer on **0161 234 3145** or visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/register to get a form.