

Aims and terms of reference (decided at initial meetings on Wed 22 and Wed 29 March, 2006)

Overall Aims:

We are a broad coalition of groups and individuals who are seeking to advance social justice, dignity and respect for workers, families and communities, and to work together to achieve specific objectives as democratically agreed within the group.

Terms of Reference:

- Activities/ campaigns of the group, once determined, be organised by working parties who report back to the broader group on progress and seek direction as required.
- Steering committee to coordinate campaign activities, meetings and funding and provide direction within the terms of reference to working parties.
- There is a recognition that not all members of the coalition will operate from the same ideology or overall objectives.
- Undertakings that no member of the coalition will endorse campaigns or activities or seek to represent the group in other forums without steering committee endorsement.
- No member of the coalition will seek to impose views or principles on the group that are outside of the specific objectives of the group or have not been endorsed democratically by the group.
- Recognition that members of the coalition are free to pursue other objectives in their own organisations but must clearly delineate between those activities and the activities of the coalition.
- All meetings to be conducted using normal meeting procedure, so that all members of the group can contribute in a responsible way and be given notice of proposals and a chance to respond.
- There will be an agenda item at each meeting for members to promote their other campaign activities but the distribution of material, petitions etc outside of this agenda item will not be allowed. All members must respect the right of others not to participate in or endorse their outside activities. We are coming together for a specific purpose and do not wish to dissipate the energy of the coalition in other issues.