

**Workers demand democracy respected**  
**They want a Labour government that abides by the mandate given in 2016**

On June 2016 a majority of voters decided the UK should leave the EU. Despite the trade union leaderships' and Labour Party's appeal to vote for the European Union, the working-class vote was decisive. 70% of trade union members voted "Leave"

They did not decide that the UK should half remain, nor that the UK should beg the EU the authorization to leave with a deal that will inevitably - due to the nature of the EU - be in the profit of the City.

They decided to leave.

And they did it because they knew that all the policies they were and are still facing - deregulation, privatisation, precarious work, reduction of the cost of labour, destruction of pensions, zero hour contracts are the direct results of the dispositions enshrined in the Maastricht and Lisbon Treaties on which the EU relies.

By voting to leave the EU they said this Europe is not our Europe

They voted to tear away the straitjacket of European Union institutions, not to remain submitted to those same anti-worker and anti-democratic institutions even in the case that the UK would no longer be formally member of the EU.

This is why they reject any "deal" that would impose compliance with EU regulations which would set them against legitimate workers' demands as opposed to their 2016 sovereign decision.

Any call for a new referendum under whatever form and whatever the excuse produced, aims at foiling the decision democratically arrived at in June 2016. It is part of a long spell of violations of democracy committed on behalf of the European Union. Those who claim they speak in the name of workers and youth cannot collaborate to such treachery.

It has been said over and over again that Brexit should not be used as a factor of division, whereas a majority vote for the Labour Party was within easy reach. Because the leadership of the Labour Party refused to act on the mandate given in 2016, the Tories are still in power

The recent elections to the European Parliament were marked by massive abstention. Barely one third of registered voters in Yorkshire and Humber, East

Midlands voted in these elections. Abstention was highest in Labour-supporting working-class areas that voted overwhelmingly to leave the EU in the June 2016 referendum, such as Bolsover (26.9 per cent turnout) and Hartlepool (25.5 per cent).

What this tells us is that the majority of working-class people, who voted overwhelmingly to leave the EU in 2016, saw no point in taking part in a meaningless election. But the minority of workers who did vote, by and large turned away from the Labour Party.

The June 2016 leave voters those who abstained in the 2019 European elections as well as those who took part in them can rightly ask: Why is our decision to leave the EU, which was democratically given in 2016, being ignored?

**We are told daily what the majority of us are supposed to think and what we want !**

**They tell us we didn't understand what we were voting for, and we believed all the lies that we were told, therefore a second referendum or people's vote is necessary.**

**This is an affront to democracy**

**An insult to the workers, the trade union and Labour Party members who, by millions voted "Leave"**

Leave means a clean break with the EU: its treaties, its institutions, and its anti working-class policies.

People cannot rely on the Tories nor on those who fraudulently call themselves Brexiters whereas they are planning to apply the same measures as the EU but outside of the EU

It is the duty of a Labour Party government to implement a Brexit in the interests of the whole working class, a government that will :

- re-nationalise the railways and all the public utilities that have been privatized
- suppress zero hour contracts
- renationalise the NHS and education

Some will say that some of these measures are already in the Labour manifesto .

It is true but none of these measures supported by our trade unions can be implemented within the framework of the single market or of the customs union

**Labour must take an uncompromising approach to both the EU and capital. It's now a question about where power resides.**

All the workers, all the activists who campaigned for Brexit for working-class reasons, all those who want to break with the EU because they want wages preserved, an end to privatisation and public services to be re-nationalised , must speak up again and organise. This is why the object of this appeal is to propose to all of them, to regroup in committees so that the will of the people is respected, and the leaderships of the Labour Party and of the trade unions comply with the mandate they were entrusted with.

**First endorsers**

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