

## Who are we?

Trade Unionist & Socialist Coalition (TUSC) and Left Unity (LU) have agreed Kingsley as a joint anti austerity candidate. TUSC is standing in over 120 parliamentary seats, with LU a further 10. This is the biggest left of Labour challenge in 60 years. Britain's richest 1,000 individuals own £519 billion - and they don't even pay their taxes! There's plenty of money that could be invested in decent jobs, social housing, the NHS and much more.

What is Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition?  
TUSC was formed because working class people have been abandoned by all the establishment parties. TUSC candidates are all ordinary workers, trade unionists, anti-cuts activists and socialists who have signed a pledge to oppose the austerity that all the main parties are united in carrying out.

What is Left Unity?  
Left Unity is a new political party that stands against austerity and for equality and justice. It brings together socialism, feminism and environmentalism and is opposed to all forms of racism and discrimination. Left Unity is committed to defending and expanding the welfare state and public services.

"The Tories, Lib Dems and Labour all support cuts, privatisation and the anti-union laws. They all want us to pay for a crisis we didn't create.

The bankers pay themselves millions in bonuses and big business avoids billions in taxes while our jobs and services are savaged.

*Who else you gonna vote for?"*



Bob Crow (1961-2014) RMT trade Union general secretary (2002-2014) and TUSC co-founder

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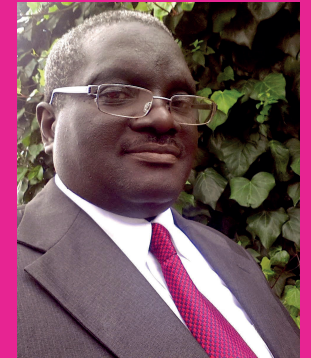
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# VOTE AGAINST AUSTERITY

## VOTE Kingsley Abrams

“ We are being forced to pay for a crisis that we did not make. Cuts and foodbanks for us, at the same time rich are getting richer.

There is an alternative to austerity with more than enough resources in society. Work with us to save our NHS, build and renovate council housing and bring in a £10 per hour minimum wage. ”



## Homes for all & Rent Control

### Stop the cuts

### £10 per hour Now

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# ARE YOU:

Disgusted with politicians who line their own pockets and help the richest 1% while doing nothing for us?



Angry about housing sell offs and rent rises?



Fed-up of cuts and the privatisation of the NHS?



Enraged over zero-hour contracts and low-paid jobs?



## THEN FIGHT BACK WITH US!

We challenge local and national cuts as we believe they are unnecessary, plunging our communities into further poverty and desperation. Over 7,000 locally are forced to use food banks, more are living on poverty pay with insecure and unsafe housing. Evictions are at their record highest whilst the housing list in Southwark formally holds 18,000.

A further 5000 residents are subject to the Bedroom Tax, and have been forced to either move, pay over the odds and get into debt. Simon Hughes supported the introduction of the tax and locally Labour have implemented it.

Over recent years the council have sold off the Heygate estate at a loss, reducing housing stock from thousands to 79 council homes! The Aylesbury tenants voted against a sell-off, yet the council are steamrolling it through. This will see further council housing stock reductions and communities dispersed. This is not regeneration it's social cleansing. We fully support the Aylesbury campaign against social cleansing. It is hardly surprising the councils pledge for 11,000 homes over 30 years is met with scepticism.



Pic: Kingsley, Arti, Magnus, Piers and others march to stop social cleansing

### We fight for:

A massive building programme of affordable, high quality, eco-friendly council homes.

Compulsory purchase long term empty properties.

Renovation and decent repairs in consultation with residents.

Introduction of Rent Controls.

Axe the Bedroom Tax and reverse all benefit cuts.

## Vote Kingsley Abrams

"I was disciplined for making a stand against cuts as a Lambeth Labour councillor and am now standing against austerity and Tory or Labour cuts. If they can vote against austerity in Greece, why can't we?"

There is always an alternative - let's make a stand and I'd urge you to get involved."

If elected, Kingsley would take a worker's wage, not the inflated MP's salary. The rest would be used for campaigning.

- Save our NHS. End PFI. No cuts, closures or privatisation. Bring the NHS back in house. No TTIP. End the pay freeze.
- Stop the ticket office closures - cuts fares, not staff! Re-nationalise the Railways.
- Free good quality education for all from the nursery to university. Abolish fees now!
- Renationalise Royal Mail, the energy companies and other privatised utilities with compensation only on the basis of proven need. No compensation for fat-cat shareholders!
- Oppose Racism and Facism . Stand up for equality for all - No to scapegoating muslims and migrants.
- Abolish the undemocratic anti-trade union laws.

## £10per hour NOW

We demand a £10 per hour National Minimum wage. This would be for all workers, regardless of age. No landlord or shop is going to give you a discount for being under 25, so why pay young workers less? Nationally 5 million would be lifted out of poverty.

There is a growing a campaign in the US linking workers and Seattle socialist politician, Kshama Sawant, for \$15ph, now won. This demand is now sweeping across the US and developing here.

## Stop the cuts

As local trade unionists, we protested at the recent round of Southwark council cuts, including another 200 job cuts, cash office closures and 're-modelling' elderly peoples care.

Nationally Labour is also committed to more austerity with Labour locally, including Neil Coyle as a councillor, voting these cuts through.

➔ FOR THE 99%  
NOT THE BANKERS & BILLIONAIRES!

That is why we are standing, to provide an alternative to the establishment parties. We know you're not happy, over 20,000 did not vote in last election, many feeling there was no choice. Little wonder, as they offer a future of continued austerity for the majority, creating racist divisions and scapegoating while the top 1% continues to get richer. But it doesn't have to be like this.

We stand for a democratic socialist society run in the interests of the majority, not the bankers and billionaires. We call for the major companies and banks that dominate the economy to be brought into democratic public ownership. Production and services could then be planned to meet the needs of all while protecting the environment.