

Cleveland GJN Meeting Held on 06.09.18.

6 members present

National Mailings The frequency of the mailings has now changed. In future we will only receive Think Global in February, June and October. Think Global Extra will be emailed in all other months apart from August and December which are generally quieter times. The mailings should be sent out early in the month so we can bear this in mind when planning meetings.

Staffing There has been a swapping around of roles at National, Guy Taylor is now the local groups contact person.

AGM This was held in York this year, two of us attended and the backs of our heads feature in the photo in Think Global! It was a good meeting. We bought the book, The Divide, written by Jason Hickel, one of the speakers. Clare has read it and recommends it as a fairly easy read.

Brexit There are some Roadshow events in York and Newcastle, happening on the 13th and the 20th, rather short notice to arrange to get to an evening meeting. They are being arranged by Another World is Possible, which is a coalition. There is also a World Transformed event from 22 to 25 September which is running alongside the Labour Party Conference.

Global Warming On this subject, our Tory MP, Simon Clarke, has taken the initiative to write to the PM urging her to adopt strong targets on global warming. His letter is an open, cross party letter which he hopes other MP's will sign. However he is strongly in favour of Brexit and is in Rees-Mogg's group of 52 MP's. We also disagreed with him when we talked to him about trade issues. We have written to congratulate him for his actions on global warming.

Trade Bill The proposed amendments to the Trade Bill were voted down in July. The Bill is due a second reading in September. There is to be a consultation on Trade Deals. There are worries that there will be pressure to agree to a trade deal with the US and warnings that TTP could be worse than TTIP would have been. There will be an e-action starting soon on this subject, the deadline for it will be 26 October. We are asked to keep the pressure up on our MP's.

Pharma Campaign This is continuing.

Migrant Solidarity The current campaign is focussed on MP's, urging them not to report migrants to the Home Office, apparently hundreds have been reported in this way.

Jubilee Debt Campaign There is a big lecture in Newcastle on 8 September.

New Member Katherine Lebligue joined GJN at the AGM. She lives in Middlesbrough and would like to join our group. She sent apologies for today's meeting as she is unwell.

One World Week. This will be 21 - 28 October. The theme is 'The World is Changing - How about us?'. It would be good to do something in this week if we can find a venue.

Action

Barbara to order the pharmaceuticals pack for stalls.

Clare to look at the One World Week information and talk to Ali about possible church venues.

Andy to talk to the Teeside Socialist Campaign group about a possible link and shared speaker.

Barbara to make enquiries about David Malone from the Green Party to see if he is still Scarborough based and would be willing to speak.

Next Meeting Thursday 16 October