## BLACK NETWORK (LONDON BRANCH)

Minutes of the London Branch meeting which took place on 15th February in Newham.

Present: Unmesh, Carol, Nasser, Kamaljit, Jasbir, Ronny, Diane, Hirsh.

Apologies: Chetaw, Amarjit.

As this was the first branch meeting there was no fixed agenda.

- Jasbir gave a brief history of the development of the Black Network over the last two years.
- On the whole the Discussion revolved around the need for
  - clarity
  - direction
  - national body
  - -black perspective
- It was also stressed that for the Black Network to grow it is absolutely necessary for branches in different areas to put the network on the agenda, may it be in organising meetings, conferences, marches, etc.
- There were mixed feelings about the Bulletin. Some felt that a bulletin is required, some felt that there needs to be more discussion especially with other branches.
- It was agreed that there be a London branch
  - \*which meets once a month.
  - \*has an education session at each meeting.
  - \*discuss local London issues.
  - \*discuss national Black Network business.
- The next meeting of the London Branch is to be on Friday 15th March at Southall Rights, 54 High Street, Southall (Middlesex) at 6.00 p.m. sharp.

The education session is to be on 'history of black socialist initiatives'.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting.
- 2. Local London issues.
- 3. National network business.
- Education session.

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The next national Black Network is to take place on Sundary 3rd March 1985 at Sheffield.

The venue is Commonground, 87 The Wicker, Sheffield S3. The meeting will start at 2.00 p.m.

The main issue on the agenda is Ireland. The Black Network is to take a delegation to Belfast between April 5th-9th. Arrangements are being made by Birmingham Branch.

Both Sheffield and Birmingham are setting the agenda for the meeting.

There will also be time to discuss national network business.

For travel arrangements to Sheffield, please get in touch with Hirsh (837 0041) or Jasbir (555 8151).

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