

Vote: Roger Nettleship - Fight For An Anti-War Government!

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Dear voter - I am standing in South Shields as a worker politician candidate who has lived and worked in South Tyneside for 30 years both as an activist in the Unemployed Workers Union in the 1980s and as a union activist in the health service over the last 20 years. I am standing so that the workers and all sections of the people of South Shields and elsewhere can constitute themselves as the opposition to Westminster big parties. These parties act as a cartel against the people. Their pro-war stand is causing the death and injury of so many people around the world as well as the British soldiers sent there. This big party system is also in the service of big business and financiers that are wrecking the economy with their destruction of manufacturing and their cuts and privatisation of our public services.



Bring the Troops Home - It is only now emerging with official estimates that at least 1 million people have been killed in Iraq by the Anglo-US invasion and occupation, yet Brown and Miliband, along with the other big party leaders, present their support for these enormous crimes as the "liberation" for Iraq. The many hundreds of thousands killed in Afghanistan and now Pakistan are being added to in the continued occupation of Afghanistan. With nearly 500 British soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan and many thousands more maimed and injured for the ambitions of this pro-war government, we demand that the troops are withdrawn now.

Not a Single Youth for Aggressive Foreign Wars - An anti-war government would give a future to our youth. Instead of the youth being recruited for war we want the youth to have full employment and the right to build a bright future for themselves here in Britain.

Democratic Renewal - In the modern world, people must be empowered to make the decisions on all the important things that affect their lives. Candidates should be selected by the people and not by the big parties which now constitute themselves as an elected dictatorship. People should have direct control over major foreign policy decisions so that they can withdraw Britain from the aggressive military alliances with the

US, NATO, Israel and others. They should be able to mandate an anti-war government that resolves conflicts through peaceful means giving prominence to finding political solutions according to international law. And just as with most countries in the world, this would mean that we would have no troops on foreign soil.

No to Militarisation of the Economy - An anti-war government would not militarise the economy, not commission Trident with a true cost of £130 billion, or any other nuclear weapons, and genuinely would work for the scrapping of all nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction in Britain and throughout the world.

The Aim of the Economy is to Meet the Needs of the People - The aim of the economy should be to invest in those who live and work in it, and in what they produce and the services they provide. But the big parties all agree that the aim of the economy is to furnish the rich with even further profits and bonuses. Their big lie in this “debate” is to present the wages of the workers, the pensions of the elderly, the education of the youth, the benefits of the unemployed and the health care of the people as a cost and a burden to society which has to be curtailed, whilst they present those that cause the real cost and burden to society, the rich in big business and the city, as the “wealth creators”. Far from being the cost, it is the working class and people who are the producers of all wealth and services in society.

Whose Economy? Our Economy; Who Decides? We Decide - In this town, because of the destruction of the manufacturing base over decades by the Conservative and New Labour governments, the local authority and the health services are left as the largest employers in the town. But now even these public services and our District hospital are continually threatened trying to make ends meet and hundreds of needed jobs have gone. Let us re-establish with public investment an all-round self-reliant economy that meets our needs. Let us end monopoly right over the economy and establish public right. Let us decide.

Defend the Rights of All - An anti-war government would stand against the racism of the British state and its media, of its inhuman treatment of migrants under the big lie that immigration and immigrants are the problem. This media does not talk about the huge emigration from Britain as a “problem” for other countries, or the millions of refugees caused by the Anglo-US “war on terror”. We declare that no-one is illegal and that the brutal targeting of Muslims in the “war on terror” must be ended immediately, that this immigration racism must be ended immediately and the rights of all upheld simply because we are all human.

No Troops on Foreign Soil! Fight For An Anti-War Government!

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