



**General Election**  
**Leicester East**  
**Thursday 6th May 2010**



**Vote**

**UNITY FOR PEACE  
& SOCIALISM**



## **Unity for Peace and Socialism Put People Before Profit**

The British people are being conned. The three main parties are planning drastic cuts in the public services we all depend on. They say these are necessary to reduce the government's debt and restore investors' confidence in the economy. *It isn't true.*

New Labour, Tories and Lib Dems are all doing what big business wants – making ordinary folk carry the costs of the capitalist crisis. We present a set of practical policies for the next five years. They could get the country out of the present mess without lowering living standards or cutting public services. Balance the books by taxing the rich, collecting what they owe us, bringing the troops home, cancelling Trident and ID cards.

### ***PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, NOT PRIVATISED PROFIT***

Stop all privatisation, including the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Public Private Partnership (PPP) and the immoral privatisation of prisons. Bring railways, gas, electricity and water back into public ownership under democratic control.

### ***JOBS, NOT HANDOUTS TO BANKERS***

Bring banks and finance firms into genuine public ownership under democratic control, instead of giving huge handouts to the very people who brought on the crisis. End the bonus culture and speculation with our savings. Penalise the casino players. Rather than closing 200 tax offices we should be expanding such services to collect £130 billion owed by the rich.

### ***DECENT PENSIONS & BENEFITS***

Restore the pre-Thatcher real value of pensions and the link with average earnings. Protect entitlement for living benefits, end child poverty.

### ***EMPLOYMENT & TRADE UNION RIGHTS***

Repeal the anti-trade union laws. Solidarity with workers taking action to defend jobs, conditions, pensions, public services and trade unions. No wage freeze, increase the minimum wage.

# No Cuts in Public Services No more Privatisation

Outlaw mass redundancies and stop export of jobs to super-exploited markets abroad, which is destroying so many communities.

## **PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT – STOP GLOBAL WARNING**

Without deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, climate change, caused by capital's greed for profits, will destroy us. Invest in publicly-owned and controlled renewable energy.

## **DEMOCRACY, DIVERSITY & JUSTICE**

Welcome diversity and oppose racism, fascism and discrimination. Defend the right to asylum. Ensure women have equal rights and pay. Regularise migrants and asylum seekers and give them employment protection so that they are not exploited by unscrupulous employers. They will contribute by paying National Insurance and tax.

## **SOLIDARITY NOT WAR**

Nearly 1 million people have been killed and many more made destitute by illegal wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. We need an independent foreign policy based on international solidarity – no more being a US poodle, no moves towards a capitalist, militarist United States of Europe, no EU diktats. Bring back our troops from Afghanistan. Solidarity with the people of Palestine. No more Trident – no more Nuclear Weapons of mass destruction.

Unite for peace, justice and social progress for all.  
Unite to defend jobs, working conditions and public services.  
Unite to save our NHS, Royal Mail and public utilities from profiteers.  
Unite to fight racism and fascism – Defend civil liberties  
Unite to fight for a decent standard of living for all unemployed, pensioners and disabled



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Avtar Sadiq is a National Vice-President of the Indian Workers Association-GB. He has helped to lead the IWA for many years, first as General Secretary and then as President. He is a staunch national campaigner for workers' rights, social justice and peace, and against privatisation and cuts in public spending, as well as against racism and fascism.

In the 2009 Euro elections, Avtar stood as a NO2EU – Yes to Democracy candidate for the East Midlands.

## **Avtar Sadiq says**

*“A vote for me won't be a wasted vote. It will tell the powers-that-be that people want some real changes putting welfare before profits, peace before war, and solidarity before conflict.*

*The policies inside this leaflet would shift the burden of Britain's crisis from the mass of the people on to the rich and big business. I believe that if all the British people – whatever their race or religion – get together, we can – through our many organisations – compel the next government to carry out people-friendly policies.*

*The policies I advocate would make early improvements in our living standards and public services. They would also prepare the way for further democratic advances, leading eventually to the ending of capitalism, with its frequent crises and obscene inequalities. In its place we could create a planned socialist economy, the basis for a fair and just society.*

*That's why I confidently appeal for your vote on Thursday 6 May”.*

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