Internal bulletin – rs21 National Meeting 9 June – 10 June 2018

Motion to increase the organiser's payment to a level equivalent to the Living Wage (Amended)

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The rs21 full-timer is currently paid £18,000 per year/£1,500 per month, which would be the equivalent of approximately £8.65 per hour for a 40-hour week. This falls short of both the National (£8.75) and London (£10.20) Living Wage.

This is a problem for several reasons. Most obviously, someone engaged by a revolutionary socialist organisation to work in an organiser role needs to be able to live (which includes paying for housing, food etc.) while fulfilling the role. In the absence of the payments being sufficient to live off, we are either:

- a) condemning the organiser to living below the minimum standard established based on a calculation determining a basic "basket of goods" necessary for a decent standard of living,
 - or
- ensuring that only those with access to e.g. savings, family financial support or similar can take on the role as rs21's organiser. Neither of these options are acceptable for a revolutionary socialist organisation.

Therefore this meeting agrees:

- 1. That the organiser's compensation is increased to the equivalent of the Living Wage, depending on the location where they are based, with immediate effect.
- 2. That rs21 commits to continuing to compensate equivalent to the geographically appropriate Living Wage for future organisers and monitor changes in the recommended rate to increase it accordingly