

# Producing an rs21 pamphlet on fighting Transphobia

*Motion passed at the September 2022 rs21 All Member Assembly.*

## **Background:**

rs21 has marked itself out on the British left for its explicit opposition to transphobia and commitment to trans liberation, not as an issue to be tailed for recruitment, but as a crucial fight in the end to gendered oppression under capitalism.

Several comrades within rs21 have dealt with transphobic activists attempting to introduce transphobia into trade and renters unions, as well as within social movement campaigns. In many of the larger trade unions in Britain, certain bureaucrats have used explicit transphobic rhetoric, if not allying themselves with transphobe organisers. Thus far, with many socialists engaging with workplace and community organising for the first time in recent years, many have been slow to deal with disruptive crews of transphobic activists. Given the backing the capitalist press and state give to transphobes, effective organising to eradicate transphobia from organs of the working class is therefore much needed.

rs21 comrades have actively struggled against transphobia in unions like the UCU, PCS, and others, they have also seen divergent struggles against it in renters unions like Living Rent and LRU, as well as environmental movements.

## **Proposal:**

This motion proposes that rs21 comrades, with the support of the publications worker, put together a **short pamphlet on fighting transphobia in unions and social movements**, with the aim of producing it for Winter/Spring 2022/23. The timescale suggested is short, but because the pamphlet will be short and mainly practical we think it can be written faster than a longer, more theoretical pamphlet.

This would provide effective and practical advice from comrades who have fought transphobia to socialists and activists who urgently need it. It would consist of comrades discussing their experiences of organising against transphobia, successful or not, with short practical takeaways from each.

Financial decisions on the size of the print run and price of the copies will be made by the Steering Group together with the rs21 national treasurer. It would be up to members across the organisation and in branches to distribute the pamphlet, as with all of our printed materials.

