

Fight For An Anti-War Government!

Candidate - Roger Nettleship

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 people of South Shields and elsewhere can constitute them selves as the opposition to the Westminster cartel of big parties that are all pro-war and 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 the big monopolies 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" of Iraq. The many hundreds of thousands killed in Afghanistan and now Pakistan are at risk of being added to in the continued occupation of Afghanistan. With nearly 500 hundred 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many thousands more maimed and injured for the ambitions of this pro-war government, we demand that the the troops are withdrawn now.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 it is outrageous that democracy does not mean that 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. 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-

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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 cost of £130 billions, 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.

Economy - We decide - Letting the people of South Shields speak is not just a vote in an election. It means giving a voice to the dignity of labour which recognises that it is the working class and people who are the producers of all wealth and services in society. It is our discussions in our workplaces and communities which should decide the direction of the economy and society. Those that are systematically deprived of a proper livelihood and those deprived of any job should be equally involved to establish the right of all to full employment. In this town, because of the destruction of the manufacturing base over decades by the Conservatives and New Labour governments, the local authority and the health services are left as the largest employers in the town. Let us begin discussions to re-establish with public investment an all-round self-reliant economy in the locality, in the region and over the country that ends the reliance on "inward and outward investment" of the big multinationals and ends their dictate over the economy and over the political system.

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. (March 2010)

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