

# Organising for Zero Covid conference



10am - 2:30pm, Saturday 16 January 2021 [Register via zoom](#)

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**NOTES:** Timings below are approximate. Speakers marked “pc” are in a personal capacity.

## Session 1: Understanding the pandemic

Discuss the latest developments in the pandemic and responses to it.

### 10:00am: plenary speakers

- Chair: Hilda Palmer (Hazards Campaign for workplace safety)
- Professor Michael Baker (New Zealand Ministry of Health's Pandemic Influenza Technical Advisory Group, pc)
- Professor Susan Michie (Independent SAGE, pc)
- Hector Wesley (Black Activists Rising Against Cuts)
- Janet Newsham (Hazards Campaign for workplace safety)
- Diane Abbott MP

### 10:55am: breakout groups

Discussion in smaller groups to come up with questions and points to raise in the main group

### 11:20am: plenary questions and discussion

## 12:00 LUNCH BREAK

# Session 2: Campaigning for Zero Covid

## 12:45pm: plenary speakers

- Chair: Dr Emma Runswick (British Medical Association activist, pc)
- Richard Burgon MP
- Disability rights campaigner TBC
- Workplace activist TBC
- Helen McFarlane (NHS worker, Scotland)
- Kevin Courtney (Joint General Secretary, National Education Union)

## 13:40pm: workshops

A chance to discuss campaigning for a Zero Covid strategy in a variety of areas - setting up campaign groups, planning lobbying, campaign action, getting more people on board etc.

Participants can choose one workshop:

1. **Schools** (staff, parents and students)
2. **Campuses** (staff and students)
3. **Workplace** organising around safety
4. Building a **local Zero Covid group**
5. Defend Our **NHS**
6. **Poverty, benefit and cuts**
7. **Scotland**
8. **Wales**
9. **Labour Party**

If you want an additional workshop and can help ensure there are sufficient attendees and a suitable facilitator, please contact [info@zerocovid.uk](mailto:info@zerocovid.uk) in good time.

## 14:30 CLOSE