We appeal to you to support the re-admittance to the Labour Party of expelled and excluded socialists, by signing the petition in support of the joint application below. It is from 75 people, with a combined Labour Party membership of over 1,000 years. Among the 75 are members of the Militant Editorial Board, including Peter Taaffe, now general secretary of the Socialist Party; Tony Mulhearn, one of the leaders of the struggle of Liverpool City Council in the 1980s; and Dave Nellist, previously Labour MP for Coventry South East.

The election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour leader represents an opportunity for the Labour Party to be rebuilt as a clearly anti-austerity socialist party, with an open and democratic structure. However, it is clear that the pro-capitalist wing of the Labour Party remain determined to undermine and when possible remove Jeremy Corbyn. There is a real danger that, on the basis of further compromises and retreats in a vain attempt to pacify the Blairites, the opportunity to change Labour could be wasted.

The election of Donald Trump in the US is an indication of how the right can gain if we do not build a clear socialist party that defends the interests of the working class. We urge you to assist the struggle to transform Labour by supporting the admittance of the 75, and others who have been similarly expelled or excluded, into membership and also by supporting requests for affiliation from any socialist organisation that so applies.

We the undersigned call on Labour’s National Executive Committee (NEC) to accept our applications for membership of the Labour Party following the re-election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour leader.

We are socialists, trade unionists, working class community activists and young people who have been expelled or otherwise excluded from the Labour Party because of our socialist ideas. Between us we have more than 1,000 years membership of the Labour Party. We include amongst our signatories former Labour councillors and an MP; elected trade union national executive members and local union branch officers; from labour
and trade union movement activists with years of experience, to a new generation of young campaigners. Some of us were expelled 30 years ago or more; others were excluded from membership during the recent leadership election.

Because many of us who found ourselves outside the Labour Party rightly continued the struggle for socialism through membership of other organisations, we know that our applications for re-admittance will be denounced by the establishment media as ‘left-wing infiltration’. But we have no wish to hide our background.

We urge the NEC to boldly undercut the media's attack not only by admitting us into membership as individuals but by deciding favourably on requests for affiliation from any socialist organisation that so applies.

Jeremy Corbyn’s election to the leadership marked the beginning of a new struggle against a capitalist establishment determined to see off all challenges to their interests and we want to play our part in seeing that struggle through to victory.

Signed,