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**RECLAIM
SOCIAL CARE**

CONFERENCE

Saturday November 17

BIRMINGHAM

11- 4.30, (registration & refreshments available from 10.15)

Carrs Lane Conference Centre

Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX

Wheelchair accessible. Hearing loop available.

(Opposite Moor St Station: London guests travel from Marylebone)

Drastic underfunding and wholesale privatisation of so called Social “Care” is condemning many people to a life of indignity, isolation, neglect and even maltreatment. Social care services are close to collapse. Join us to explore how to reverse privatisation and secure quality, stable, publicly funded and accountable social care services for all.

We will explore the current situation, the policy issues and campaigning opportunities. It will be an exciting and challenging day!

FOR DETAILS OF SPEAKERS and AGENDA see overleaf.

More information on social care, and book online at

www.healthcampaignstogether.com or direct from Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reclaim-social-care-tickets-50492034033>

Programme

10.15 Registration and Refreshments

11.00-12.00 OPENING SESSION : SOCIAL CARE OR SOCIAL NEGLECT?

JOHN LISTER (Editor of Health Campaigns Together, and co-chair of Keep Our NHS Public, author, and journalist)

ELEANOR SMITH (MP for Wolverhampton South West, who is leading on the NHS Reinstatement Bill in Parliament, nurse, previous UNISON National President)

and time for **DISCUSSION**

12.00-1.00 GREEN SHOOTS OF RESISTANCE

JUDY DOWNEY Chair /CEO Relatives and Residents Association,

CONOR MCGURRAN North West UNISON Dignity in Care Campaign

BOB WILLIAMS-FINDLAY “Being the Boss” / Reclaim our Futures, founder member of Birmingham Disability Rights Group

JAN SHORTT General Secretary of National Pensioners Convention

GILL OGILVIE GMB regional organiser (previously DWP); has led

campaigns to save children’s services, Labour PPC for Walsall North

1-2 LUNCH

2- 2.40 RECLAIMING SOCIAL CARE

PROF PETER BERESFORD Citizen Education, Essex Univ, Emeritus Prof. of Social Policy, Brunel, author of ‘**All our Welfare: Towards Participatory Social Policy**’

DAVE WATSON Head of Policy and Public affairs, UNISON Scotland (by video)

SIMON DUFFY Founder & Director of the Centre for Welfare Reform and member of the Socialist Health Association

2.45 - 3.50 “HOW CAN WE?” WORKSHOPS:

- How can we start bringing services back into public control?
- How can we win the argument for services to be free at the point of use?
- How can we get **users’** voices to the heart of service design and delivery?
- How can we get **carers’** voices to the heart of service design and delivery?

4 - 4.20 pm SHORT PLENARY WITH ACTION POINTS AND THANKS