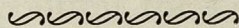




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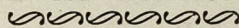
STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRIAL WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

Secretary: DR. MARION PHILLIPS, 33 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1



CONSTITUTION

Adopted at the Meeting held on July 13, 1922



1. That a Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations be formed to represent the women of the political, industrial and co-operative movements of the workers and that the following bodies be entitled to be represented upon it:—

The Labour Party, the Trades Union Congress, the Co-operative Union, the Women's Co-operative Guild, and the Railway Women's Guild; and organisations affiliated to the Labour Party or the Trades Union Congress of which a substantial number of the members are women, which are national in character and are accepted by the Committee.

2. The objects of the Committee shall be:—

(a) To forward the interests of working women and to assist in securing their representation on any local, national or international committees or similar bodies established by Government or other authorities to deal with matters in which women have a special interest.

(b) To set forth a policy for working women on such Committees, and to keep them informed on matters important to them in their work.

(c) To conduct joint campaigns by means of publications in the Press, meetings, deputations, and other methods, on any subject of national importance on which combined action by working women may be beneficial.

(d) To act as an Advisory Committee on Women's Questions to the Executive Committee of the Labour Party.

3. Organisations represented on the Committee shall be entitled to appoint the following delegates, who shall all be women, to serve upon it:—

The Labour Party	8 delegates
Trades Union Congress	8 delegates
Co-operative Union	4 delegates
Co-operative Guild	4 delegates
Other Organisations	1 delegate

for first 5,000 women members or part thereof, and one further delegate for any number over 5,000.

4. It shall be within the power of any organisation to appoint alternative representatives to take the place of any delegate unable to attend at any meetings of the Committee.

5. Each organisation shall pay a sum of £1 1s. annually to the funds of the Committee. No organisation shall be liable for any expenditure on the part of the Committee other than the amount of the annual contribution, unless it has given consent to such expenditure.

6. No campaign shall be commenced, nor any action taken until each organisation represented upon the Committee has had an opportunity to consider and approve the action proposed.

7. (a) The officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, three vice-chairmen and a secretary, who shall also act as treasurer and who need not be a member of the Committee. The Vice-Chairman shall be representative of the political, the Trade Union and the Co-operative organisations respectively.

(b) There shall be a General Purposes Committee, consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary and nine members, who shall be selected on the following basis:—
3 from the representatives of political organisations,
3 from the representatives of Trade Unions,
3 from representatives of the Co-operative Movement.

(c) Nominations for officers and for the General Purposes Committee may be made by any organisation for any one of these sections and all delegates shall have the right to vote on all nominations.

8. The officers and the General Purposes Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, which shall be held in November of each year, and at which an annual report and balance-sheet shall be presented. Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the Committee at its next meeting.

9. Amendments to the constitution shall only be made at the Annual Meeting. At least two months' notice must be given of the intention to propose an amendment. Such amendment must be sent to all organisations at least one month before the date of the annual meeting.



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(d) The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee shall be
elected for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election
at any time and shall submit an annual report and balance sheet
to the Committee and to the various societies during the year
ending on the 31st day of December next following.

(e) The Chairman of the Committee shall only be liable at the
Annual Meeting. The Chairman's notice shall be given of
the meeting to the various societies. But no amendment
shall be made to the Committee's rules and regulations before the
meeting of the Annual Meeting.