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You are invited to the
LAMPAG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017
12.00pm to 2.30pm
The Old Laundry
Stockwell Gardens Estate
20 Eastcote Street
Stockwell, London SW9 9BY**

We are living in Challenging times. The NHS is on the precipice, Social Care, Education and Housing are in crisis, Welfare Benefits and Disability Allowances have been cut, the number of zero hours contracts are up, inequality and poverty are set to rise, the rich are getting richer, Public Services are under threat, tax avoidance and evasion persists. Austerity is *not* working. The Chancellor, Phillip Hammond has announced that Austerity will continue as a way of reducing the deficit. This will mean more despair and hopelessness. If there ever was a reason for building the pensioners' movement it is *now*. We cannot allow the attacks on the NHS, our Welfare and Public services to continue. We need to organise and mobilise in defence of the Welfare State and Public services. So make every attempt to come to the AGM. We need to elect a full, viable and proactive committee in order to take forward our campaign for dignity, respect and financial security for today's and tomorrow's pensioners.

**Teas /coffee/biscuits/ raffle
Please note starting time.**

NHS Demo Saturday 4 March

Thank you to members who joined the thousands of people from all over country in the NHS rally which was described as one of the biggest in NHS history .The demo was about the future of the NHS and a call to secure the NHS as Austerity in the NHS represents a real risk to the safety of patients and the service.

Lambeth Council Budget proposals 2017 / 2018

On 24 February, the full Cabinet published its 2017/18 budget. Between 2010 and 2018 funding from Central Government will have been cut by as estimated 55%. Over that period the Council will have made £238m of “savings”- read cuts. This includes £55m which will be made over the next three years. Lib Peck, Leader, Lambeth Council, describes this level of ‘savings’ as” delivering on long term issues, driving growth that benefits everyone and building strong communities.’ It’s about reducing inequality and supporting residents that protect those more in need”. The ‘savings will be made to a wide range of local services i.e. Staffing, Adult Social Care, Supporting People , Health, Housing , Children’s Social Care, Neighbourhoods, Environment and Employment , Regeneration, Planning, Corporate Resources , Education, Learning and Skills. It is yet to see whether ‘savings’ across this range of essential services will tackle inequality and support those most in need.

An appeal from the Chairman

Would you consider seriously putting yourself forward to join the Committee? I reiterate. We need an effective proactive committee to drive forward our agenda.LAMPAG has been in existence for over 30 years and we have a proud history of being the voice of the voiceless and campaigning on pensioners’ issues. Collectively we have a wealth of knowledge, ideas, skills and experience. We therefore need to muster these to build our group. We have a long road ahead in fighting the challenges that confront us and people power and ingenuity is crucial in this. It is our corporate power and commitment which will ultimately enable us to face and act on the threats that confront us. So please consider taking up a role on the committee in order for us to continue to exist as a long standing pensioners’ organisation of pensioners run by pensioners.

Thank you.

Ellen Lebethe

Reminders.

- 1. Please bring all relevant documents to the meeting.**
- 2. Subscriptions are due. If you have not paid your 2016-2017 subscriptions kindly do alongside your 2017-2018 subscriptions.**