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PRESS RELEASE

Launch of Amicus – The Union Network

Amicus – The Union Network was formally launched at a meeting on June 3rd, 2006 in Birmingham.

Over 50 Amicus Officers and staff attended the meeting, which will begin the consolidation of the progressive left within Amicus.

The meeting elected principal officers and a national committee.

At the launch meeting it was agreed that there was a need for a new left grouping in Amicus as other groupings had “sectional” interests which no longer reflected the current make up and membership of Amicus and focussed on internal issues which were of little concern to members of the union.

The meeting also confirmed continued support for the leadership of Amicus and a commitment to having an open dialogue with like-minded colleagues within the union.

The meeting endorsed the aims and principles of ATU-Network which are contained in the ATU website as well continuing support for campaigning for fairness at work; a level playing field with Europe in regard to employment legislation and the full implementation of the Warwick Agreement.

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www.atu-network.org.uk