

Public Meeting



Keep our NHS public

called by M'side KONP

7 p.m. Thurs 18th Oct.

Friends Meeting House
School Lane, Liverpool

(between the Bluecoat and Hanover St.)

Prof. Wendy Savage, KONP

*Karen Reissmann, UNISON M'cr
Community & Mental Health*

*Dr. Andrea Franks, Dermatology
Countess of Chester Hospital*

Ritchie Krueger, Maghull KONP

Chair: *Dr. Alex Scott-Samuel, KONP,
Amicus/UNITE*

Celebrate and Defend the NHS

Sat 3 Nov, assemble 11 am Embankment with
major health service unions, NHS Together

for transport details, contact Merseyside KONP

We need to develop the movement to protect and preserve our NHS, whose vital services and precious resources are being given away to the private sector. All of us rely on the NHS, and all of us will be affected by what is happening to it. The invited speakers have a wealth of experience of working within the NHS and fighting to improve and defend it.

Prof. Wendy Savage is chair of the national **Keep Our NHS Public** campaign and a member of the Socialist Health Association. She was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1985 whilst temporarily suspended from practice on false charges of incompetence. She is a champion of women's rights in childbirth and fertility, and author of *Birth and Power: A Savage Enquiry Revisited*.

Karen Reissmann is a member of the UNISON Health Service Executive and has worked as a Psychiatric Nurse in north Manchester for over 25 years. In June, she was suspended by the Mental Health Trust for her outspoken opposition to privatisation, the same day as she was promoted in her job! Her fellow UNISON members have been on strike to demand she be allowed back to work.

Dr. Andrea Franks works as a Consultant Dermatologist at the Countess of Chester Hospital and is active in **Merseyside KONP**. She is horrified by the fragmentation and disruption of the NHS, wasteful and ill-considered policies and the misguided use of the private sector including dermatology and GP services on Merseyside.

Ritchie Krueger is active in **Maghull KONP** which has successfully warded off plans for a privatised GP surgery in Maghull, through a high profile campaign launched at a public meeting of 200 people in Sept. 2006.

Dr. Alex Scott-Samuel lectures in Public Health at the University of Liverpool and was previously a Consultant with Liverpool Health Authority. He is a founder member of the national KONP campaign and active in **Merseyside KONP** and a member of Amicus/UNITE.

We hope that **you** will bring your own experience and knowledge – as patients, carers, or healthworkers – to join the discussion.

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