

For an rs21 Programme

Motion agreed at an All Member Assembly on Saturday 14 February 2026.

This AMA Notes:

1. The documents outlining the basis for rs21's unity are either fairly brief or scattered among multiple previous AMA motions or contained in the 'About Us' section of the website. This was drafted by a [Programme Working Group from February 2023](#) which resulted in a new [About rs21 statement](#) agreed at the February 2024 AMA.
2. As rs21 grows, it will need greater clarity on what the basis of its unity is, while still giving rs21 members the freedom to disagree with the organisation and organise for principled minority positions.
3. It is only possible to have a diverse and democratic political organisation if it is possible to have open disagreements whilst still fighting for the same common aims. Whilst open disagreements do not guarantee splits will never occur, the inverse of open disagreements not being possible makes a split inevitable.

This AMA Believes:

1. Organisational unity built solely on shared theoretical and historical judgements, or common tactics, can result in increasing incoherence to the point of organisational ineffectiveness, or the bottling up of political differences until an abrupt breaking point.
2. The activity of rs21 is more than engaging in agitational initiatives, but to also concretely pose and propagandise as far as possible for a political alternative to capitalist class rule and to join in building class struggle towards that end, amongst other things.
3. Programmatic unity, understood as an organisation being unified on the basis of acceptance of a programme as the common foundation for unified action, rather than as a limit on internal debate, can help build a coherent organisation with a healthy internal democratic culture. Such unity helps guard against tendencies towards bureaucratic centralism by clearly distinguishing unity in action from openness in discussion.
4. A programme is a living document embedded in our revolutionary praxis, rather than a fixed or sacralised text. It sets out common political objectives and a strategy to approach them based on an analysis of present historical conditions. It must therefore be continuously developed through collective debate based on organisational analysis and experience.

5. Producing a programme is a significant undertaking for a democratic revolutionary organisation. It should be driven in content by membership as represented in branches and fractions rather than a small working group.
6. The Perspectives document and strategy progress initiated by the SG represent, in effect, the first step in the process of developing a programme.

This AMA Resolves:

1. The Steering Group (SG) will constitute a Programme Committee (PC). This committee will include at least two SG members as permanent participants and convenors and will be open to all rs21 members up to a maximum determined by the SG, seeking to reflect the geographical, demographic and political diversity of the organisation. Its mandate is not to *write* the programme in isolation, but to lead an open, transparent, and membership-driven organisational process of discussion, model development, content development, revision, and final proposal over a period of at least one year. This process will build on and take the SG strategy process as its starting point.
2. This process will be structured in distinct phases, each following a cycle of national provocation, branch/fraction discussion, written feedback in IBs, and synthesis by the PC. This will begin with the synthesis and elaboration of the SG 'Strategy Document', IB responses and notes of branch and fraction discussions and those at the SG strategy weekend. The Programme Committee will plan and facilitate further cycles in collaboration with the SG.
3. At the autumn 2026 AMA, the PC is tasked to present an update on and future plan for the programme process, including but not limited to: the process of organisation-wide deliberation, the model and contents of any draft, and a timeline for completion. After an opportunity to amend the plan and timeline, the AMA will have the option of either approving the plan or rejecting the plan and ending the process.
4. The draft programme produced through this process must:
 - a. Be written to be as concise as possible.
 - b. Primarily be a statement of our aims or goals, and broad strategic orientation, not an elaboration of precise theoretical or historical judgements or tactics.
 - c. Amongst other things, connect an analysis of present social conditions and forms and levels of class struggle, our strategic aims and orientation in different arenas of struggle, demands for working class rule, and a broad vision for a future communist society.
 - d. Be open to revision and development as social conditions and forms of struggle develop.
5. If a programme is adopted at a future AMA, then the acceptance of the Programme as a basis of common action will become a requirement of rs21

membership. In the meantime, acceptance of the About rs21 statement as a basis of common action is a requirement of membership.

6. If a programme is adopted at a future AMA, it will be mandated that a working group will be tasked by the SG to draft an update to the 'About Us' page on the website which reflects it, and be tasked to write a pedagogical political commentary pamphlet on the adopted programme . The programme and any accompanying pamphlet will be embedded in rs21's member onboarding and political education.