

**WOMEN**  
AND  
**SOUTHERN AFRICA**  
CONFERENCE



**Liverpool**

**sat. October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1982**

**Friends Meeting House**

In South Africa 1 out of 3 black workers are women. The majority of them are employed in the textile and food industries, agriculture and domestic service:

- in the textile industry, women's wages are R28 (about £15) per week; most of them are not entitled to maternity or sick leave or unemployment benefits.
- 800,000 black women are domestic servants; they are not protected by the Labour Relations Act or the Wage Act; they are not entitled to a minimum wage, sickness benefit or pension rights; they are not entitled to have their families living with them.

Over 5 million black women are forced to subsist in the Bantustans; there is little waged work; most are dependent upon remittances from migrant husbands or relatives; the money does not always come; women may see their husbands only once a year;

- diseases associated with poverty and malnutrition, such as tuberculosis and kwashiorkor, are widespread.
- infant mortality among blacks is 5 times that of whites.
- Depopovera is widely used among black women.

Black women are conscious of their oppression;

- women have defied the pass laws.
- women have resisted forcible resettlement.
- women domestic workers, low paid and isolated are organising themselves into Unions.
- women in Namibia are involved in the struggle for liberation from South Africa;
- women in South Africa are in the forefront of the struggle against apartheid.

The Conference aims to inform people of women's struggles in Southern Africa and discuss ways of actively demonstrating our solidarity.

Sponsored by the North West Regional Council of the TUC

Organised by a group of women associated with Anti-Apartheid in the North West.

## PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Speakers from African National Conference,  
South-West African People's Organisation,  
South African Congress of Trade Unions.
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Workshops
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 2.00 Workshops
- 3.00 Tea
- 3.30 Plenary
- 4.30 Finish

Workshops will cover such topics as women, work and trade unions, the history of women's struggles, women in South Africa and Namibia, women and health.

There will be bookstalls, exhibitions and videos during breaks and lunch.

A cheap lunch will be available.

There will be a creche all day. Please contact Fran on 051 260 9155 during the day if you will be bringing children and need the creche.

Cost: Waged £1  
Student 50p  
Unwaged Free

## HOW TO GET THERE



Friends Meeting House, 65 Paradise Street is opposite the Holiday Inn and next door to the new Radio Merseyside Building. It is within easy walking distance from the bus station, Lime Street Station and the Pier Head.

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