

## Schools Action Union

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The London Region SAU (Schools Action Union) had its conference on Sat, May 24 with 80 school students and teachers attending. The conference discussed at length the importance of having a specific set of aims and a definite organizational structure. The significant role played by Vanguard, the SAU paper, and ways of expanding its distribution were also discussed. The conference ended in a great success by adopting a militant set of aims and a constitution. The following is the set of aims which were adopted by an overwhelming majority.

#### London Region SAU - Aims.

1. Freedom of speech, Assembly and political activity and the right to organize inside schools; no censorship of school magazines, clubs or societies.
2. Effective democratic control of the school by representatives of students, teachers, parents and domestic staff with ultimate control of the education system in the hands of the majority of the population, the working class and its allies.
3. The abolition of selective examinations. Assessment to be controlled by the democratically elected authorities in the school.
4. The abolition of corporal punishment and all other forms of arbitrary punishment, of the prefect system and of school uniform.
5. A free, non-segregated, non-streamed (by class, race or sex) comprehensive education system, excluding ALL other forms of schools.
6. Educational establishments to become local evening centres of educational and cultural activity and discussion, run by representatives of workers, teachers and students.
7. Sufficient maintenance grants for those unable to continue their education because of their economic and social environment.
8. Abolition of all religious instruction: and the act of morning worship in schools.
9. General increase in government expenditure on education, including more pay for teachers.
10. Abolition of all military training in school.
11. Abolition of compulsory physical education.
12. The immediate raising of the school leaving age to 16.

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