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### **How we work...**

General meetings, open to anyone who wishes to fight the cuts, are held regularly. Each formal, affiliated organisation has one vote.

Outside of General Meetings, the work of SOSIS is guided by a Steering Committee, comprised of officers (elected at a general meeting), plus one representative per affiliated organisation.

The elected officers are:

- A Chairperson, who convenes and chair meetings;
- A Vice Chairperson to act as Chairperson in their absence;
- A Secretary, who maintains membership; co-ordinates press and communications work and acts as the voice of the alliance, and maintains the alliance between the Steering Committee and General Meetings;
- A Treasurer, who manages the bank account;
- An Organiser, who is responsible for outreach and campaigning.

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**Find out more, get involved, contact us:**

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