

Introduction

This report was drawn up collectively by all the active members of ECC (Cape Town). The three working groups within ECC (Exec, Media and Concert) met and assessed their particular areas of work. A fourth group was set up to assess the ECC's success at a public level.

The discussions were held with a view to assessing critically ECC's work, rather than reporting on activities. They therefore do not constitute a comprehensive report on ECC work.

The first section attempts to "fill some of the gaps." The appended youth report is the product of an all day workshop on the youth campaign.

List of Major ECC ActivitesA. Public Meetings

- May: Focus on Namibia, addressed by Pastor Kameeta, David Russel and Mike Van Graan. (approx 300/350 people)
- Oct: Declaration Launch, addressed by Alan Boesak, Sheena Duncan, Ivan Toms and Trevor Oosterwyk, and with the SUCA play. (approx 1400 people)
- Nov: Lunch-time meeting protesting against the states actions in the Vaal and Eastern Cape, addressed by Francis Wilson and Andrew Boraine. (approx 500 people)

B. Concerts

- Oct: "Rock the Ratel" concert at UCT, attended by +/- 1000 people, with the Dynamics and other bands.
- Dec: "No More War" concert in Sea Point, attended by +/- 1000 people, with the softies, Nude Red and other bands and with four dramatic 'skiets'.

C. Press Conferences

- May: Namibia - with Anton Lubowski and Hans Rohr.
- Oct: ECC launch - with Mike Savage, Mary Burton, Doug Bax, Colin Jones and Ivan Toms.

D. Workshops

- March: Planning workshop for all organisations at which the idea of the survey and the declaration were developed.
- August: Planning for the declaration launch.
- October: Workshop for all new ECC recruits and "sympathetics".
- November: "Critical issues" workshop, including the PFP issue, ECC constituency, etc.
- January: Planning workshop for the IYY campaign.

E. Other Activites

- May and October: Picket stands to coincide with the Namibia campaigning and declaration launch.

July and January: Pamphlet distribution to coincide with the SADF intake.

Organisational Participation

Only 3 ECC organisations have set up specific conscription groups within their organisations. In general, action around the conscription issue within organisation has been too limited. Instead, most organisations have relied entirely on ECC to take the initiative. This has placed a heavy burden on the core of ECC activists who have prioritised ECC work.

Only 12 of the 19 ECC affiliates have been regularly represented at meetings. Communication with the other 7 has been poor, although it must be said that most of these are non-activist organisations with little scope to take up the campaign.

Cultural Road-Show

This group was set up at the preparation stages for the ECC launch. After a slow start, it has now blossomed into a dynamic group of about 12 people.

Together they have constructed 3 scripts of drama, poetry and song for different types of audiences. So far they have performed for Black Sash, UDF Observatory, the Grassroots fete and Habonim. The Habonim performance drew over 300 school-children and highlighted the possibilities of using the Road Show in the course of the youth campaign.

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