

Constitution of the Eureka Initiative

Preamble

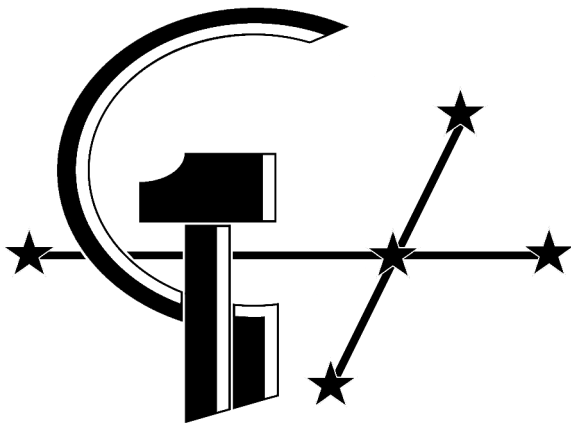
The Eureka Initiative is a network founded with the goal of advocating the cause of Australian independence, spreading Marxist-Leninist political thought and furthering the international proletarian movement.

The form Marxism-Leninism takes in each situation must be dependant on the conditions in which it finds itself. There is no universal formula, and any attempt to brute-force the approach taken by a historical example in very different circumstances is a path to failure. In developing Marxism-Leninism in Australia, we aim to cross the river by feeling for the stones; learning through experience and to understand it in a way that fits organically into Australian history.

We are entering into a new historical period and the world slides gradually towards the brink of chaos. Suppressed contradictions are revived and new ones emerge. Without a proper revolutionary movement to take charge of this new period, we drift aimlessly into the unknown.

Article I – Our symbol and flag

The Symbol of the Eureka Initiative is a modified Eureka Cross overlaying a Hammer and Sickle. The flag of the Eureka Initiative is a white Eureka Cross over a dark red or Maroon background.



Article II – Our purpose

The Eureka Initiative serves two goals.

Our first and immediate goal is to develop and spread class consciousness and a revolutionary political approach among the Australia people, through the tools of propaganda, media and volunteer work.

Our secondary goal is working towards the establishment of Socialism in Australia through securing national independence and the formation of a true mass party of the Australian people.

The Australian Labor Party (ALP) was the historical party of the Australian working class, however it was founded on an incomplete and undeveloped social-democratic line that led it down the path of racial chauvinism in its early days and neoliberal capitulation in more recent times. This Social-Democratic foundation must be discarded and replaced with a developed Marxist-Leninist line adapted to the conditions of Australia. We aim towards the establishment and consolidation of a Communist Party that will serve as the vehicle for the interests and will of the Australian working classes. The Communist Party must be independent, maintain a militant class consciousness and embed itself in the fabric of Australian society on as many levels as possible. We will work with other organisations and parties who share this goal.

On the path towards the dictatorship of the Proletariat, we support an Australian New Democracy that ends our submission to global imperialism and does away with our status as a semi-colonial/sub-imperial power. We wish for an alliance of all forces that support this goal; from the working class to progressive elements of the petite bourgeoisie who also have an interest in independence. To promote this, we will work to promote a left-wing patriotic line within the ALP, the Greens and pro-independence elements of the rural 'right wing' of Australian politics.

Article III – Our values

All members of the Eureka Initiative are expected to adhere to and agree with our core values. All media and statements put out by Eureka Initiative chapters are expected to align with these values

The values of the Eureka Initiative are the following:

IIIa. Republicanism: Severing of remnant ties with colonial authorities and establishing a new, sovereign state.

IIIb. Anti-Imperialism: Ending both submission to and complicity in global imperialism

IIIc. National Liberation: Overcoming the historical settler-colonial nature of the old Australian national project through the comprehensive formation of a new revolutionary patriotic foundation that forms the basis for what it means to be 'Australian'; integrating the histories and cultures of the first peoples of this country and establishing increased autonomy for the many indigenous peoples of the continent.

IIId. Internationalism: Support of the international proletarian movement, opposing racial and national chauvinism, solidarity with global anti-imperialism.

IIIe. Class Struggle: Recognition that Class Struggle is the driving force of history and standing on the side of the masses against capital

IIIf. Vanguardism: The unification of the revolutionary movement under a mass party and the establishment of a party-state that operates not on bourgeois parliamentary democracy but consultative democracy, the mass line and democratic centralism.

IIIg. Re-industrialisation: Accelerating technological progress, the building up of industry and infrastructure and harmonious and sustainable control over the forces of nature.

Article IV – Leadership of the Eureka Initiative

The Eureka Initiative is headed by a collective leadership of no more than nine individuals, with an odd number chosen to have a tie-breaker during votes. This leadership is to be called the Central Committee or abbreviated as the CentCom.

The CentCom will devise plans of action to be followed and CentCom members are expected to show initiative and competence in carrying out these plans. CentCom members can act with broad autonomy provided their actions fall within the framework of the overarching plan, and abide by the code of conduct and the values of the Eureka Initiative.

To be qualified to join the CentCom, members must be in good standing of the organisation for a period greater than 6 months. The leadership is expected to maintain a study of both Marxist-Leninist political thought and a broad outlook on contemporary political and economic developments. Leadership are expected to maintain good conduct in both their personal lives and political duties, and to actively hold themselves to a high standard of both behaviour and achievement.

The CentCom is to schedule regular meetings (either in-person or online over agreed and secure platforms) to keep track of activities and set plans, with a frequency of no less than once a month. CentCom members are expected to attend at least three quarters of meetings annually, and to provide explanations for failure to do so.

The CentCom can elect to install another member into their ranks and expel one of their own by a two-thirds majority vote. If a majority vote is reached but it fails to break the two-thirds mark, a vote amongst the general membership is begun to decide the outcome. The vote to confirm the addition or expulsion of a member to/from the CentCom will last for a period of one week. If the vote is an exact tie, then the decision will come back to a vote of the CentCom however this round will be based on a simple majority rather than the two thirds rule.

Article V – Membership of the Eureka Initiative

Members are expected to agree with the values of the Eureka Initiative, adhere to the code of conduct and to maintain some level of activity within the organisation. Rank-and-file members of the Eureka Initiative are to be organised into chapters based on region. A chapter must maintain an email address, have a shared digital medium of communication in which all members are a part of and maintain a social media presence as dictated by the CentCom.

Chapters shall conduct their own activities in conformance with the aims of the organisation as listed in this document, and are required to obey directives from the CentCom within reason. Each Chapter should appoint its own leadership to serve as a point of contact with the CentCom. Depending on the scale of the chapter, this could be anything from a single de-facto individual leader to a more complex internal structure,

provided it fits within the overall directives of the organisation. Position in internal chapter organisation does not reflect membership in the CentCom or vice versa; a CentCom member does not necessarily have to be a 'chapter leader'.

While Chapters are afforded a large degree of autonomy, in cases where the internal structure of a Chapter conflicts with the orders of the CentCom the latter takes priority. The CentCom can additionally assist with Chapter organisation if required.

Article VI – Amendments to the constitution

A modification to the constitution requires a two thirds majority vote from the CentCom. If a majority vote is reached but fails to breach the two thirds mark, a vote amongst the general membership is begun to decide the outcome. The vote to confirm a proposed modification will last for a period of one week. If this vote is an exact tie, then the decision will come back to a vote of the CentCom however this round will be based on simple majority rather than the two thirds rule.

Article VII – Activities conducted by the Eureka Initiative

Eureka Initiative Chapters are expected to regularly engage in propaganda work (both physical and digital), assist in the labour movement, host open discussions, attempt to build up ties with community organisations, produce analyses of their political situation and engage in volunteer work.

Individual chapters should follow the strategy of first establishing a good impression, then spread political education. The aesthetics, rhetoric and behaviour of individual chapters are all relevant. Attempting to impose themselves on the masses and focusing purely on the distribution of educational material will repel and alienate, so establishing a good relationship with the people you are trying to reach is of critical importance.

Chapters should experiment with a variety of strategies and tactics provided they fall within the overarching goals of the Eureka Initiative and follow the code of conduct. Internal discussion on practice and theory should avoid excessive moralism and dogmatism and members should assume others are speaking in good faith unless proven otherwise.

Eureka Initiative members are expected to show an understanding of operational security and attempt to use encrypted and secure communications where possible. Internal education on these topics is also encouraged.

Article VIII – Publicity and Media policy

All Chapters of the Eureka Initiative are expected to maintain some form of social media / digital presence (as dictated by the CentCom) and work to boost the actions of others associated with the Eureka Initiative. Approval of a specific account as official requires the confirmation of a member of the CentCom. Online content can be varied and is largely up to the individual chapter, however it should aim to maintain a respectful and professional tone and posts should be reviewed by other members. The CentCom can order chapters to focus on a particular topic or issue as part of a co-ordinated push if necessary.

All content, both digital and especially physical (printed posters, leaflets, banners, etc.) should aim to be in 'good taste' aesthetically. As this is somewhat subjective, content should first be reviewed by others and artistic criticism is encouraged. The CentCom may also distribute binding and non-binding aesthetic guidelines.

All media and public facing actions produced by members of the Eureka Initiative must adhere to the code of conduct and core values. Anyone who serves as a public figure on behalf of the Eureka Initiative must pay attention to what image they set for the organisation as a whole and should show good behaviour, be respectful and be aware of how they present themselves.

Article IX – Finances

The funds for each chapter are to be procured via informal donations from the members of each chapter

Article X – Code of Conduct

All members of the Eureka Initiative must adhere to the code of conduct. Failure to do so will result in a warning, suspension of membership or expulsion depending on the context. The enforcement of this code of conduct is conducted by the leadership of individual chapters, however the central committee can intervene if a chapter fails to uphold its duties.

All of these rules come with the necessary preface: *Within Reason*. Common sense is expected from all members. In the event of an edge case, it is better to discuss it with others first than go entirely off the judgement of the individual.

Xa. The Eureka Initiative upholds democratic centralism; freedom of debate, unity of action. This means that the freedom of expression of members within the organisation is to be protected, however criticism must be kept internal and members must continue to adhere to directives that have been agreed upon in public.

Xb. In alignment with democratic centralism, internal political differences are allowed provided they adhere to the core values. The Eureka Initiative does not maintain an official line on all issues, and the opinions put out by members of the CentCom or on platforms run by the organisation do not have to be followed one to one by every member. Calling for others to be expelled for differing views is wrecking behaviour and is not tolerated.

Xc. Petty drama, Bullying and cruelty is not tolerated. Keep trivial personal issues outside the organisation. Do not attempt to gain credibility by denouncing others.

Xd. Members must be respectful and not discriminate based on gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability.

Xe. There is no tolerance for sexual harassment at any level. Report any instances to the branch leadership or CentCom, and do not feel dissuaded from getting outside help if needed.

Xf. Put on a good image while representing the organisation. Members are expected to take care of their personal hygiene and dress appropriately for the context; this is not a venue for 'self-expression'. We also encourage members to regularly exercise and pay attention to their physical health.

Xg. Be polite, friendly and reasonable. Do not respond to aggressive provocations. Do not turn away people for disagreeing with you and do not assume you are morally superior because of your beliefs.

Xh. Do not discuss, plan or carry out any illegal activities under the name of the Eureka Initiative. Do not make jokes or threats that could be misinterpreted.

Article XI – On cooperation with other organisations

The Eureka Initiative does not believe in the principle of 'left unity'. This idea does not have a historical record of success, there are incompatible worldviews involved and most projects end in inevitable failure and disappointment. Instead, we adhere to a doctrine of honest, pragmatic cooperation rooted in mutual recognition of shared interests and common goals. Many who do not share our specific worldview and lines will still have goals in common with us, and we intend on making alliances to pursue those shared interests.

We will base our relationship on honesty and open communication. We do not lie about who we are or what our intentions are, we simply recognise that others – even those who we have irreconcilable differences with – share our goals in some areas and we can both benefit in cooperation in these shared areas.