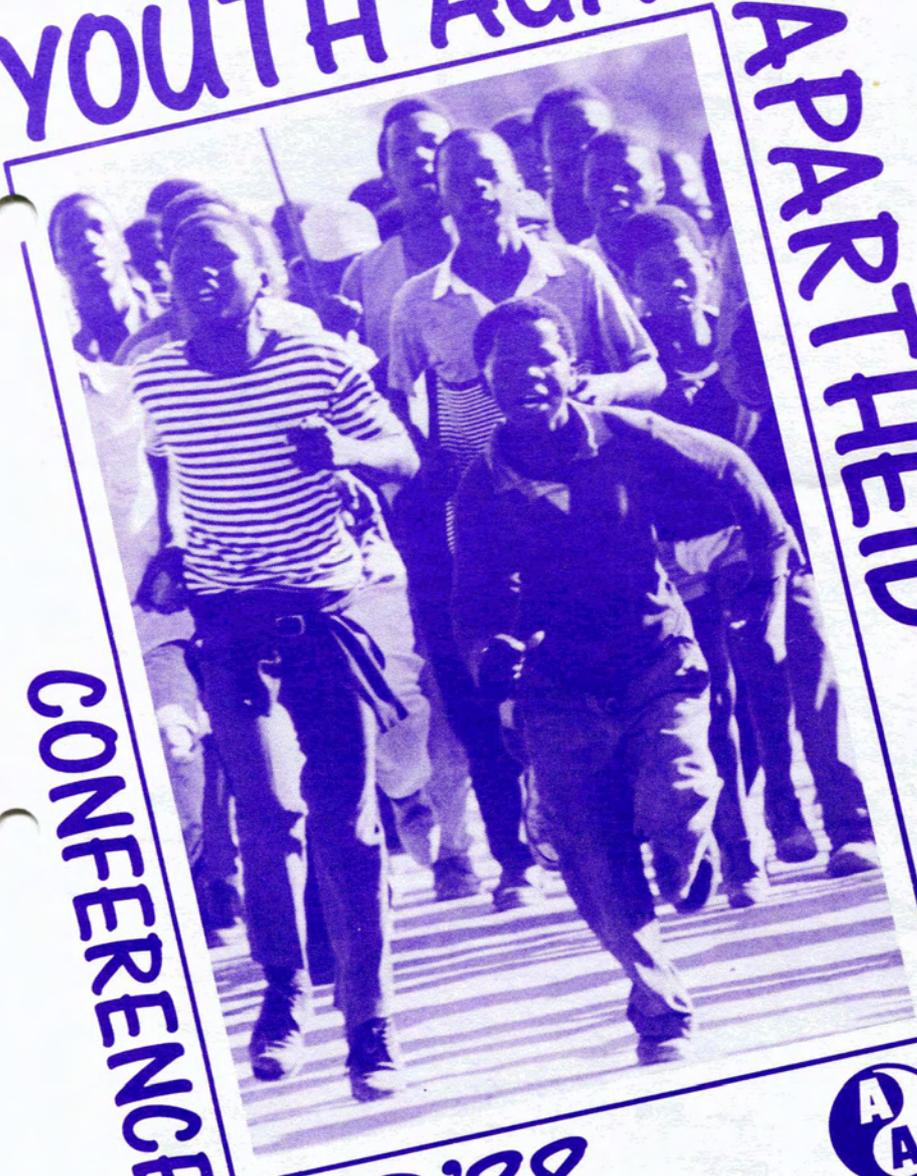


YOUTH AGAINST APARTHEID

CONFERENCE

20-21 FEB '88



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AAM Conference Weekend, Birmingham, 20/21 February 1988

Saturday 20th February

This is for all young people under 21 as well as representatives of youth, student and other organisations. We'll look at major issues and campaigns; hear from young people from South Africa and Namibia; and find out how to get more involved.

Morning

- Major guest speakers from ANC and SWAPO Youth Sections and hopefully a representative of the South African Youth Congress, SAYCO.
- Educational sessions on 'youth in struggle' and how young people can get more involved in anti-apartheid work.

Afternoon

- Workshops on key issues
 - ▶ the consumer boycott
 - ▶ Shell/disinvestment/banks campaign
 - ▶ political prisoners and detainees
 - ▶ the cultural/sports/academic boycotts
- These sessions will provide clear background and educational information on the issues involved as well as practical campaigning ideas and discussions. There will be an opportunity to attend three out of the four sessions.

Sunday 21st February

If you are from a youth or student organisation or are a young activist from a trade union, local AA group etc, you should stay for this day. We'll be looking in detail at specific campaigns and ideas to develop into concrete action for the future. Also at the skills and resources needed for this work within a range of organisations from youth clubs to trade unions, and also more generally, within the AAM. The programme will be:

Morning

- An introduction to the programme of the day.
 - A series of practical workshops
 - ▶ a detailed introduction to the AAM and how to get involved with and use the Movement
 - ▶ practical and organisational skills such as public speaking
 - ▶ establishing and running youth committees
 - ▶ campaigning in schools and FE colleges
 - ▶ trade union work
 - ▶ AA work in national youth organisations
- The workshops will be run three times.

Afternoon

The weekend will be concluded with a report back from workshops; an opportunity to assess the weekend and ideas for action and initiatives in the future, based on a concrete Programme of Action.

In addition, throughout the weekend there will be a wide variety of activity going on around the main conference, including videos, films, music, singing, stalls, displays, exhibitions etc; providing an additional focus to the day's activity complementary to the formal sessions; as well as a social on Saturday night for those staying for Sunday.

Why you should be there!

Young people are angry about apartheid. What we see on the TV and in the press is only a small part of the picture. Youth in South Africa and Namibia face the brutal force of the apartheid regime. Thousands are detained for their opposition to apartheid; many young people have been killed, beaten and tortured in the struggle; and several dozen are currently under sentence of death. Young people recognize that there is no future or freedom for them under apartheid: it's a system which denies the black majority any basic democratic rights. A white South African school kid has seven times as much spent on their education as a black student. The youth are not prepared to accept this, and their struggle affects us directly: it is our government that refuses to impose sanctions and which continues to support the apartheid regime through trade, investment and other links.

What the weekend is about . . .

The Anti-Apartheid Movement, which campaigns for freedom in Southern Africa, wants to bring together young people to look at what is happening in Southern Africa, the struggles of the youth, and to plan what more can be done. This is what our **Youth Against Apartheid** weekend is all about. If you want to find out more about apartheid, or more about how to fight it, **Youth Against Apartheid** will give you facts, ideas and inspiration to turn anger into concrete action at your place of work or study, in your organisation and amongst your friends. To be a part of these new plans, to share ideas and learn from the experiences of others, and to have fun in the process, be in Birmingham on February 20/21st.

Organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement



YOUTH AGAINST APARTHEID

AAM Conference Weekend

Birmingham, 20th/21st February, 1988

Information

■ The Conference is being held at Birmingham University Guild of Students, Birmingham University, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15. The University is situated off the A38, 3 miles south of the City Centre. There are regular trains from Birmingham New Street to the University.

■ There will be food available at the Students Union all weekend, including vegan and vegetarian.

■ There will be basic accommodation available for participants staying over on the Saturday night — bring a sleeping bag!

■ Places are limited to a maximum of 150 for the Sunday programme, these places are on a first come, first served basis so register straightaway or you may not get a place.

■ The Conference is kindly being hosted with the assistance of Birmingham University Anti-Apartheid Group.

Registration Form

■ **I/we wish to attend the AAM YOUTH AGAINST APARTHEID WEEKEND:**

NAME: _____

ORGANISATION (if appropriate): _____

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: _____

■ **I intend to attend on: Saturday/Sunday/both**

■ **I require accommodation for the Saturday night: Yes/No**

Registration fee per participant:

Saturday:

Unwaged/no grant: £1

Waged/grant: £2

Sunday:

Local organisations: £2

National organisations: £4

■ **I enclose total amount of £**

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