

The
Labour History Society

presents a talk by

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***Adelaide 1916:
The Advertiser, Conscription & The Easter Rising***

In his talk David will argue that the drive for conscription was militaristic and emanated from Establishment circles in Britain at the turn of the century. Conservative coteries at the centre and periphery of the Empire assisted one another in shaping the defence debate in this country, and this process intensified with the stalemate on the Western Front which followed the gruelling battles of late 1914. It will be asserted that the war party overreached itself, incurring controversy when it might have focussed more effectively on voluntary recruiting in a war which was eventually won by numbers better applied rather than multiplied. South Australia was a battleground state in this controversy, and its tradition of dissent was a launching pad for the anti-conscription campaign nationally. In that campaign pacifist Christians and the Socialist left inspired organised labour to a seminal political victory over the Establishment, with lessons for today.



2.00pm, Sunday 16 October 2016

Box Factory Community Centre,
59 Regent St S, Adelaide SA 5000

Afternoon tea provided

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