

BOB TENNANT CELEBRATION

January 26 2017 – 18.30

**TUC CONGRESS HOUSE GREAT RUSSELL STREET
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Bob Tennant was a leading rank and file trade unionist and political activist in London over many years - particularly active in the trades council movement being Secretary of his local trades council Waltham Forest; Secretary of the GLATUC and sitting on the SERTUC EC and being a TUCJCC member; in his union the TGWU (now UNITE); in TUCND; in the Labour Party and the Communist Party plus many other organisations. He with GLATUC took a leading role in the London May Day Organising Committee resisting the attempts by new Labour and some of its union allies to stop the annual London May Day Rally. He acted as a co-chair of the rallies in London and was part of the fight to get the rallies returned to Trafalgar Square, working with other leading figures like Anita Halpin. He worked as a tutor and academic researcher and had built up a very specialist reputation.

He moved to Scotland in 2003 and continued his activities there and developed his academic work. In January 2014 he died and his funeral was held in Carlisle. His friends and comrades in London had wanted to mark his life and hold an appropriate meeting and after discussions, including his partner Sandy, we have planned this event. **We wanted to mark Bob's great contribution to London life which had many facets. This meeting will be a celebration of his achievements and we welcome all those who want to come and contribute.** It will also be a time to remember the comrades with whom he worked over the years such as Margaret Witham, Pete Turner, Linda Kietz. Dennis Coles and Ernesto Leal. This is an aspect Sandy particularly wanted to be part of the event.

In his political life Bob was a strong advocate of certain policies and was fully involved in some of the major battles during the 80s & 90s. He was also a strong supporter of recognising Walthamstow figure William Morris, initiating annual lectures. He was also, among other things, a writer on economic policy and political issues, trade union organiser for the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, member of the management committee of the *Morning Star*,

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF BOB TENNANT

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