

October is Black History Month

Thursday 7th October

19.00 - 21.00 Stratford Circus, Theatre Square, Stratford, London E15 1BX

Public Meeting: **East London Rally for Change** organised by People's Charter, 5 minutes from Stratford Station. Supported by Stratford RMT, Newham Trades Council, East London Teachers Association, and Tower Hamlets Green Party. Speakers invited Bob Crow, Imran Khan, Jean Lambert (Green MEP), Billy Bragg, Mark Steele.

18.00 Doors Open, show starts 19.15 Congress House, 23-28 Great Russell Street

STAND UP For Decent Work

Shappi Khorsandi, Luke Wright, Fanfara, Brendan Barber.

Tickets www.philosophyfootball.com or call 020 8802 3499.

If you are planning to travel this weekend **9/10 October**, please check if any of the following works will affect you. For a map highlighting planned improvement works this weekend, please [click here](#) Visit our website to look at our 'Travel Tools', a range of free travel services to help you plan your journey tfl.gov.uk/traveltools

District line

Between Turnham Green and Richmond there is no service due to Network Rail engineering work on Sunday only. For further details and alternative routes, please [click here](#)

Piccadilly line

Between King's Cross St. Pancras and Cockfosters there is no service due to line upgrade work. For further details and alternative routes, please [click here](#)

Victoria line

Between Highbury & Islington and Walthamstow Central there is no service due to line upgrade work. For further details and alternative routes, please [click here](#)

London Overground

Between Richmond and Stratford there is no service on Sunday only.

Between Shepherd's Bush and Willesden Junction there is no service on Sunday only.

Between Willesden Junction and Watford Junction there is no service on Sunday only.

Between Dalston Junction and New Cross/New Cross Gate there is no service until 0930 on Sunday only.

Between Sydenham and Crystal Palace there is no service until 0930 on Sunday only.

For more information on these engineering works [click here](#) or go by bus.

Saturday 9th October**10.00 - 13.00 GFTU/NUJ, Headland House, 308-312 Gray's Inn Road, WC1X 8DP****GLATUC Monthly Delegate Meeting** - All Trade Union Members welcome

Guest Speaker Tony O'Brien UCATT, Construction Safety Campaign and Justice for the Shrewsbury Pickets

10.30 - 16.00 (registration from 9.45am) at Congress House, Great Russell Street, London, WC1.**Venezuela Solidarity AGM**

This AGM will be the first opportunity for people to hear about the latest situation in Venezuela from expert speakers following September's National Assembly elections, and discuss the next steps in our solidarity campaigning, plus how you can get involved. It will also be a chance to learn about the latest relevant regional developments including the election in Brazil, US militarization, and the restoration of relations between Venezuela and Colombia. Participants include Ambassador Samuel Moncada, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Richard Gott, Hugh O'Shaughnessy and Jennie Bremner (Unite AGS.) Fidel Narvaez from the Ecuadorean Embassy will be giving a presentation and taking questions on the defeated coup attempt against the government of Rafael Correa last week. www.vicuk.org

The AGM will be followed by the 2nd annual VSC solidarity fundraising dinner & social (from 17.00 – late) at Mojito Bar & Grill, Islington, celebrating 200 years of Venezuelan independence! This will be a great chance to enjoy Latin food and music, as well as providing support to the VSC. Tickets for AGM delegates & observers are only £20 including a mojito, wine, dinner and dessert (normal price £25)

Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th October**10.00 Mary Ward House, Tavistock Place WC1****CND AGM -**

Conference is infertility meds the opportunity for members to decide our overall direction for the coming year, to debate contemporary issues and to draw strength and inspiration from participating in a collective national forum. Following the success of last year's conference, Saturday will once again see an international conference, while normal conference and AGM business will be infertility meds held on the Sunday. www.cnduk.org

Sunday 10th October**10.30 for 11.00 Renoir Cinema, Brunswick Square, WC1****London Socialist Film Co-Op: The Time of Their Lives AND The Bitter Taste of Tea****THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES****Jocelyn Cammack, UK 2009 [E], DVD, 57mins**

With a combined age of almost 300, Hetty, Rose and Alison love to share their concerns on everything from terrorism and global warming to sex, death and the meaning of life. Rose, at 101, is the oldest newspaper columnist in the world; Hetty, 102, is still marching against war; and Alison, 88, a onetime Communist Party member is now a self-styled 'establishment lady'. Surprising, passionate and at times very funny, they bring to the screen a rare perspective on old age. The film has screened in numerous festivals and was broadcast on BBC Storyville in July 2009.

THE BITTER TASTE OF TEA**Erling Borgen and Tom Heinemann, Denmark/Norway 2008 [E], DVD, 59mins, EST**

The filmmakers travel to tea estates in Sri Lanka, Kenya, India and Bangladesh—some traditional, some fairtrade—to expose unsafe work environments and labour exploitation. They find little meaningful difference between fairtrade and non-fairtrade operations, which raises difficult questions. Are organisations like the EU's Max Havelaar Foundation being duped by tea growers? Or are growers doing the best they can in a brutal industry and a market in which the demand for fairtrade tea is insufficient to create trickle-down profits for their workers? It is left to the viewer to weigh the arguments and decide.

Discussion led by Jocelyn Cammack, Hetty Bower and Bernard Miller; Tom Heinemann (to be confirmed) and **Barbara Crowther**, Fairtrade Foundation Director of Communications

Booking information: tickets are available from 10.30 am on the day and may not be booked in advance.

Admission £10, concessions £8. Discount to annual members £4. We regret that card payments cannot be accepted.

Other enquiries: please phone **020-7278 5764** or see our website: www.socialistfilm.blogspot.com

Monday 11th October**12.00 – 15.00 Committee Room 7, House of Commons****Hands Off our Homes and our Tenancies – lobby of Parliament**

In the face of serious cuts to housing services and attacks on housing benefit and secure tenancies, tenants and trade unions will be at parliament to demand MPs defend council housing. The DCH lobby is on MPs' first day back in parliament after party conferences.

Use the DCH [Questions to Ask Your MP](#) Contact your MP now to meet you, and send a joint delegation of tenants, unions and councillors. On the day in Committee Room 7 12-3pm Austin Mitchell will chair a meeting with MPs, trade unions, tenants and others - come and hear the arguments, and report back on what your MP says. If you can't get to Parliament ask to see your MP locally, or write to ask the DCH Questions. Let us know how they answer. And get your organisations, councillors and MPs to sign the [DCH Open Statement](#) - already signed by hundreds of TUC, Labour and Lib Dem conference delegates. www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk

18.30 Marx Memorial Library 37A Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU

Lecture *The Economics of Demolition - The Vandalism of Finance Capital* (£2.50/£1 Concessions)

Since 1979, Neoliberal economics have transformed the lives of everyone in Britain and continue to dominate both our political and social culture.

During that time the deregulated City of London has become synonymous with the free market, privatisation, as well as the accumulation and - latterly with the credit crunch - swift loss of enormous profits.

At the same time, both Keynesian and Socialist economics have been sidelined. However, Doug Nicholls provides an alternate view, highlighting the weaknesses of the current financial system and the ways in which Socialism still has a roll to play in informing our everyday lives.

Doug Nicholls, though speaking tonight in a personal capacity, is Unite National Secretary, Community and Youth Workers Industrial Sector. A long standing political activist, he is at the heart of Trade Union Friends of Vietnam and is the author of *The EU: Bad for Britain - A Trade Union View*.

18.45 NUJ/GFTU Headland House, Grays Inn Road

London May Day Organising Committee – organising for May Day 2011 – all welcome. www.londonmayday.org

Tuesday 12th October

**19:30 Longfield Hall, Knatchbul Rd SE5
South London Cuba Solidarity Campaign monthly meeting -**

Wednesday 13th October

12.30 Houses of Parliament, Westminster

Demo/Rally/Lobby in support of Legal Industrial Action (Minor errors) Bill second reading on the 22nd October. Organised by the United Campaign.

12.30–13.00 Demo, 14.00–15.30 Rally in Committee Room 14, John McDonnell MP, John Hendy QC, United Campaign National Secretary, Bob Crow, General Secretary RMT and UC Chair, Jeremy Dear, General Secretary NUJ, Steve Gillan, General Secretary POA, Matt Wrack, General Secretary FBU. 15.30–Lobby your MP

Thursday 14th October**10.00-13.00 Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS**

Delivering Equal treatment for Agency Workers – Briefing on new Agency Worker Regulations – aimed at Workplace Reps, Branch Secretaries. Registration required Jaspal Ghtoray 020 7467 1284 jgthoray@tuc.org.uk

Friday 15th October**19.00 SCRSS Library 320 Brixton Rd SW9**

Society for the Co-operation in Russian & Soviet Studies - lecture - 'British Responses to Soviet Art in the 1940s' given by **Christine Lindey** - art correspondent for the *Morning Star* - www.scrss.org.uk

Saturday 16th October**All Day Crude Awakening**

Dirty Money Bloc, meeting at Euston Station, 10AM

Body Bloc, meeting at Victoria Station, 10 AM

Building Bloc, meeting at Waterloo Station, 10 AM

<http://crudeawakening.org.uk>

10:30 RMT Unity House, Charlton St NW1

People's Charter activist day school

16.00 West London Trades Union Club, 33 & 35 High Street, Acton W3 6ND

Film Club: *The Proud Valley* (1940) starring Paul Robeson, in support of Black History Month.

Free entry – for further details - 020 8992 4557

Monday 18th October**10.30 - 16.30 Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS****Changing Poverty in Changing Times - 2010 TUC Poverty Conference**

A 1 day conference hosted by the TUC Unemployed Workers' Centres. Organised by the TUC, PCS, Oxfam, Save the Children and ATD 4th World. Trade Unionists, claimants, and anti-poverty campaigners welcome. Register (free) on line and for more information follow the link <http://www.tuc.org.uk/events/detail.cfm?event=3208> or contact Jennifer Mann on 020 7467 1222

18.30 Marx Memorial Library 37A Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU

Film Screening ***South of the Border***, 78mins (£5 - Booking Advisable)

An evening screening of Oliver Stone's *South of the Border* with thanks to the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign. There's a revolution underway in South America, but most of the world doesn't know it. Oliver Stone sets out on a road trip across five countries to explore the social and political movements as well as the mainstream media's misperception of South America, while interviewing seven of its elected presidents. In casual conversations with Presidents Hugo Chávez (Venezuela), Evo Morales (Bolivia), Lula da Silva (Brazil), Cristina Kirchner (Argentina), as well as her husband and ex-President Néstor Kirchner, Fernando Lugo (Paraguay), Rafael Correa (Ecuador), and Raúl Castro (Cuba), Stone gains unprecedented access and sheds new light upon the exciting transformations in the region.

Tuesday 19th October**12.00 - 14.00 Anti Cuts Rally (Westminster Central Hall 12.30) and Lobby of Parliament - organised by the TUC**

The rally will start at 12:30, with doors opening at noon. Directions can be found [here](#). TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber will open the rally. Other speakers are still being confirmed, but will include: testimony from service users hit by the cuts, experts who will outline the alternative, evidence of the impact of cuts on the wider economy, campaigners speaking out on why the cuts will hurt. The rally will finish shortly after 2pm. **14.30 Lobby of Coalition MPs**

18.00-19.30 US Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London W1**Candlelit Vigil – Free the Miami Five**

Featuring Irma González, Tom Goldstein, Tony Woodley, Tony Benn, Angela Smith, Bob Crow, Christine Blower. www.cuba-solidarity.org.uk

Wednesday 20th October**Comprehensive Spending Review - organised by the ConDems****16.30 March from Lincoln Inn Fields to Whitehall**

The march will assemble at 4:30pm at Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2 (nearest Tube: Holborn, Central and Piccadilly stations), before leaving at 5:30pm to go to a rally at Whitehall, near the Downing Street gates. Called by Camden Trades Council and supported by: Camden UNISON, Camden NUT, East London Teachers Association (NUT), Hammersmith & Fulham NUT, Islington NUT, Lambeth NUT, UCU London Region, CWU Mount Pleasant (International), RMT Euston No1 and Camden No3 branches, Brent Trades Council, Hackney Trades Council, Haringey Trades Union Council, Islington Trades Union Council, Greater London Association of Trades Union Councils, Holborn & St Pancras Constituency Labour Party, Right to Work Campaign, Keep Our NHS Public, Coalition of Resistance, Islington Hands Off Our Public Services, Tony Benn, Paul Mackney (former General Secretary, NATFHE and UCU) and Matt Wrack (General Secretary, FBU)

<http://bit.ly/d7a89N>

16.00 – 19.00 Downing Street

Protest: Can't Pay, Won't Pay: Speakers Tony Benn, Jeremy Dear

19.00 - 21.00, Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House, House of Commons

Stop the Cuts! There is an Alternative - Organised by the Labour Representation Committee. Speakers include: Bob Crow (RMT), Jeremy Dear (NUJ), Dot Gibson (National Pensioners Convention), Steve Gillan (POA), Jonathan Ledger (NAPO), John McDonnell MP (LRC Chair), Mick Shaw (FBU).

Thursday 21st October

18.00 Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

SERTUC LGBT Network - The ConDem Cuts - how they impact on LGBT communities

Saturday 23rd October

10.00 – 11.45 Congress House Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LS

Southern & Eastern Regional TUC (SERTUC) Regional Council Delegate Meeting, observers welcome. The meeting ends at 11.45 to receive the RMT London Transport Region march to Congress House (*Assemble 11:00 am outside RMT's Unity House, 39 Chalton Street NW1 1JD (off Euston Road, nearest tube Euston) March to Bedford Square WC1B to hear from Bob Crow (RMT), Matt Wrack (FBU) and other speakers, then join the SERTUC rally in Congress House starting at 12 noon*)

12.00 - 13.45 Congress House Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LS

Rally: Organising to defeat cuts in Public Services. A rally for key trade union activists in the SERTUC region, with keynote speakers. Tony Lennon, Former President BECTU and Vice President SERTUC, Mick Shaw, President FBU, Christine Blower, General Secretary NUT, Chuka Umanna MP, Hugh Lanning, Deputy General Secretary PCS, Bob Crow, General Secretary RMT, Megan Dobney, Regional Secretary SERTUC, Linda Perks, Regional Secretary Greater London UNISON, Chairing the event Martin Gould, UNITE & President SERTUC.

14.00 Congress House Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LS

150th Anniversary of the London Trades Council / GLATUC. Speakers Jeremy Dear - NUJ General Secretary and TUCJCC Chair, Bob Crow - RMT General Secretary, John McDonnell MP.

Speakers and times for the above events to be confirmed, Stalls may be available throughout the day, again to be confirmed. Bring your Trade Union Council Banners!

19.00 til late Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL

CUBAN CULTURE DAY - A night to celebrate Cuba's National Day of Culture

See the full list of performers and buy your tickets online:

<http://www.cuba-solidarity.org.uk/tickets.asp>

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

European Health & Safety Week

The European Health and Safety Campaign for 2010 will be focussing on "Safe Maintenance" and safe workplaces.

Monday 25th October

18.30 Marx Memorial Library 37A Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU

Lecture From a Season in Hell to the Barricades: Arthur Rimbaud and the Paris commune of 1871, (£2.50/£1 Concessions)

Apart from being a literary prodigy, the poet Arthur Rimbaud (1854-1891) is known above all else as a rebel, the first and greatest poet of revolt", as Camus hailed him. But was he in any sense a socialist writer? Sebastian Hayes argues that he definitely was and that through his involvement with the Paris Commune Rimbaud was thoroughly immersed in radical political thought and revolutionary action. In France, as was once said, "We don't do reforms - only revolutions" and Rimbaud's short but brilliant life appears to fully justify the claim.

An experienced actor and storyteller, Sebastian Hayes is the author of two collections of poems, and a book of short stories. In 2007, he published a new translation of Rimbaud's *Une Saison en Enfer/ A Season in Hell*, complete with Notes and a major re-evaluation of Rimbaud as man and poet in *Rimbaud Revisited 1968 - 2006*.

Saturday 30th October

10.00- 17.30 Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square London WC1R 4RL (Tube: Holborn)

Stop the War Coalition Annual National Conference

Monday 1st November 2010**18.30 Marx Memorial Library 37A Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU****Lecture: Bill Morris, a Trade Union Miracle, (£2.50/£1 Concessions)**

When, in 1991, Bill Morris became general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union - then the largest trade union in the country - it marked a huge break in the culture of British working class attitudes towards racial discrimination. He was the first black immigrant to take the top job in any British trade union; the first black immigrant to join the government board of the Bank of England, and the first black immigrant to become president of the Trade Union Congress. As Geoffrey Goodman demonstrates in his talk, Bill Morris was born and brought up in a small rural village about sixty miles from the Jamaican capital, Kingston. As a child his overwhelming ambition was to become a professional cricketer and play for the West Indies; and he has had to put up with what he regards as the lesser honour of sitting on the England and Wales Cricket Board at Lords. His story is a fascinating account of a unique rise from the shop floor to national status.

Geoffrey Goodman is the former industrial editor, columnist and assistant editor of the Daily Mirror. He previously reported for the Daily Herald, the Odhams Sun, the News Chronicle and the Manchester Guardian. He was founding editor of the British Journalist Review, where he remains the emeritus chairman.

Tuesday 2nd November**19.00-21.00 Camden Centre, Bidborough St, London WC1H 9AU** Doors open at 6pm**People's Question Time – Ask Boris and the Assembly members**

To request FREE TICKETS send your name, your address and number of tickets you need by one of the following ways: Email peoplesquestions@london.gov.uk
Online at www.london.gov.uk Telephone 020 7983 4762 (answerphone service)

Saturday 6th November**10.00 – 16.00 Congress House, Great Russell Street, WC1B 3LS****Conference: Campaigning to Defend Public Service**sertucevents@tuc.org.uk

Monday 8th November**18.30 Marx Memorial Library 37A Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU****Lecture Homage to Caledonia: Scotland and the Spanish civil War (£2.50/£1 Concessions)**

Thirty-five thousand people from across the world volunteered to join the armed resistance in a war on fascism. However, more people, proportionately, went from Scotland than any other country, and the entire nation was gripped by the conflict.

What drove so many ordinary Scots to volunteer for a foreign war?

Daniel Gray evokes the stories of the ordinary men and women who made their way to Spain over the Pyrenees: the nurses and ambulance personnel who discovered for themselves the horrors of modern warfare; and the people back home who defied their poverty to give generously to the Spanish Republican cause.

Even in war there are light-hearted moments: a Scottish volunteer drunkenly urinating in his general's boots, enduring the dark comedy of learning to shoot with sticks amidst a scarcity of rifles, or enjoying the surreal experience of raising a dram with Errol Flynn. They went from all over the country: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee, Fife and the Highlands, and they fought to save Scotland, and the world, from the growing threat of fascism.

Monday 8th November 2010**19.00 SCRSS Library, 320 Brixton Rd SW9**

Public Meeting on the important role of the Morning Star today, *sponsored by* UNITE 1/1148 Branch, organised by the Lambeth Morning Star Readers & Supporters Group, supported by Lambeth TUC.

Guest Speakers Megan Dobney Regional Secretary Southern & Eastern Region TUC, **Peter Willsman** National Secretary Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, **Gwen Cook** Women's Officer Greater London Association of Trade Union Councils, **Tony Briscoe** Secretary The People's Press Printing Society, Chaired by **Jean Turner** Hon. Secretary Society for Co-operation in Russian & Soviet Studies.

19.30 PCS HQ, 160 Falcon Road, Clapham, London, SW11 2LN.

Wandsworth against the cuts meeting - Organised by Battersea & Wandsworth TUC with CWU, Labour Party, FBU and PCS.

Sunday 14th November

10.30 for 11.00 Renoir Cinema, Brunswick Square, WC1. London Socialist Film Co-Op: Salt of This Sea AND The Silent War: Israel's Blockade of Gaza. SALT OF THIS SEA (MILH HADHA AL-BAHR) Annemarie Jacir, Palestine/France 2008 [12A], DVD, 104 mins This first feature film by a Palestinian woman, won critical acclaim and numerous prizes. Michael Moore called it 'absolutely one of the best films I've seen in years'. Soraya, a Palestinian refugee born in Brooklyn, fulfils her lifelong dream of 'returning' to Palestine after she discovers that her grandfather's savings were frozen in a bank account in Jaffa. She meets Emad, a young Palestinian who longs to leave forever. Driven by frustration, they break the law, become fugitives and together search for the ruins of old homes and villages, icons of the Palestinian struggle that evoke loss and tragedy. **THE SILENT WAR: ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE OF GAZA** Kashfi Halford, UK 2010 [E], DVD, 10 mins The film examines what the blockade means for the 1.5 million people of Gaza, as they struggle to rebuild their lives over a year after Israel's Operation Cast Lead. **Discussion led by Betty Hunter**, General Secretary, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, **HE Prof Manual Hassassian** of the Palestinian General Delegation UK and **Andrea Becker**, Head of Advocacy, Medical Aid for Palestinians. **Tickets for this screening must be obtained as usual but they will be issued free. We appreciate donations to cover the expenses and to contribute to Medical Aid for Palestinians.**

Saturday 20th November

10.00 – 16.30 Congress House, Great Russell Street, WC1

Conference: Supporting Trade Union Reps at Work

Ken Livingstone, Labour Candidate for Mayor of London, 2012 elections, Kevin Courtney, National Union of Teachers Deputy General Secretary, Peter Allenson, UNITE National Organiser for Public Services, Thompsons Solicitors, Labour Research Department.

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Stop the War Coalition National Demonstration – Afghanistan: Time to Go

The war in Afghanistan has lasted ten years -- longer than World War I and World War II combined. David Cameron says British troops will be in Afghanistan at least another five years. Countless tens of thousands of Afghan civilians have been killed since 2001, with 2010 the worst year yet. 2129 NATO troops have been killed, including 339 from Britain, with 2010 the worst year yet. Deaths of British soldiers killed in Afghanistan will soon reach twice the number killed in the Iraq war. The government is spending £5bn a year on the war in Afghanistan, while cutting £1bn a year from universal child benefits and £1.8bn a year from housing benefit for the poor. Over 70% of the British public say the war is unwinnable and the troops should come home. www.stopwar.org.uk

Saturday 27th November

10.00 - 17.00 Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, London WC1H 9DB
National Organising Conference - Coalition of Resistance

For rates see: <http://www.coalitionofresistance.org.uk/?p=317>

Monday 13th December

10.30-15.15 Congress House, Great Russell Street

Building Stronger Unions – Making the Law Work for You

Registration required Jaspal Ghtoray 020 7467 1284 jghtoray@tuc.org.uk