

KICK THE BNP OUT OF LONDON on MAY 1st

Monday 31st March

45 MPs sponsor 'council housing' amendments for Monday night's debate. Contact yours today to ask for their vote and support!



At least 45 MPs are sponsoring **amendments** to the Housing & Regeneration Bill to be **debated on Monday** (March 31) backing council housing. **Email** or ring your MP (020 7219 3000) before the vote Monday evening and urge them to support these amendments to secure a future for council housing.



Tuesday 1st April

Waltham Forest Trades Council 7.30pm in the Quaker Hall, Jewel Road, London E17. Guest speaker is Mick Holder from the Hazards Centre who will be talking about Trade Unions and Health & Safety. Ribbons for Workers Memorial Day on April 28th will be on sale - and available to take and sell - at the meeting. Secretary Darren O'Grady Waltham [wftradescouncil@googlemail.com]

Wednesday 2nd April

Ealing Borough Trades Union Council

7.30 pm in the West London Trade Union Club, 33/35 High Street, Acton W3

GUEST SPEAKER: 8.00 pm

AATIF NAZAR: PAKISTAN TRADE UNION DEFENCE CAMPAIGN



Aatif is a representative of the Pakistan TUDC which was set up by a number of Pakistan's trade union federations to defend trade unions from physical attacks from employers and to defend the right to organise. They have also been leading and supporting campaigns against privatisation and against casualisation of labour.

Secretary: Eve Turner, 10 Endsleigh Road, Southall Middx, UB2 5QL
Tel: 0208 571 5019; E-mail: eveturner@btopenworld.com



Public & Commercial Services Union

Save Kilburn Job Centre

7.30pm Kilburn Library, Marian Centre, 1 Stafford Road

With Sarah Teather Lib Dem MP for Brent East,

Theresa Rafferty PCS Branch Secretary Brent, Harrow & Hillingdon

Wednesday 2nd April

BATTERSEA & WANDSWORTH TUC ORGANISING CENTRE RE-LAUNCH!

7:00PM at BWTUC 347 Garratt Lane London SW18 4DX

Come and join us and celebrate the re-launch of the BWTUC Organising Centre! The Organising Centre provides a crucial resource for the implementation of the various trade union, community and social justice campaigns initiated and supported by the BWTUC.

There will be various speakers from across the labour movement, lots of *FREE* light refreshments and drinks, and good company!

To RSVP please fill in your details below and return to: Adam Lincoln BWTUC;

07946 172 379, 347 Garratt Lane, London SW18 4DX or e-mail:

adam@bwtuc.org.uk

Name: _____ UNION/BRANCH: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Thursday 3rd April

WALL OF SOUND TO SILENCE BLAIR

6.30PM WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, FRANCIS ST, LONDON SW1P 1QW

JUST SOUTH OF VICTORIA STREET, Nearest tube: Victoria Station



7.30pm Wesley Hall, Methodist Church,
High Road, Loughton IG10 1RB

Wesley Hall is behind the church and reached via a driveway opposite Traps Hill. Parking available. Nearest station Loughton (Central Line), buses 20 and 397.

Speakers

Representatives of the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green parties, Loughton and Limes Farm residents' associations, Councillor Stephen Murray (Independent), Faith communities Hope not Hate and Searchlight

Entry by ticket only. Tickets are available by contacting Redbridge and Epping Forest Together at PO Box 1576, Ilford IG5 0NG or by emailing RandETogether@aol.com.



Public & Commercial Services Union

SAVE SHEPHERDS BUSH JOBCENTRE

Stop the Closure **Pubic Meeting: 6.00PM** Fatima Centre,
Commonwealth Ave, White City

Speakers: Andy Slaughter Labour MP Ealing, Acton & Shepherds Bush
Christine Hulme, Public & Commercial Services Union

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/jobcentreclosure/>

Saturday 5th April

**Supporting and Building Successful Trades Councils
POSTPONED – NEW DATE TO BE ARRANGED**

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

Saturday 5th April



West London Trade Union Club Bar open from 3pm Grand National & International Women's Day Event. Come along and watch the Grand National. Sweepstake behind the bar. Stay a while and in the evening join in the seasonal celebration for International Women's Day.

33-35 High Street, Acton W3 6ND 020 8992 4557 wltuc@wltuc.org.uk

End the Siege of Gaza ! End Israeli Occupation!

4-6pm Protest opposite No 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, London

Situation in Gaza worsens - As the humanitarian crisis continues to worsen in Gaza , the statements from Israeli army spokespeople and ministers continue to be issued warning of further military interventions and a full scale invasion of Gaza. International protests are continuing to take place against the siege of Gaza and the increasing horrific death toll. In Israel's operation that it named 'Operation Warm Winter', the Israeli army killed 120 in Gaza between 27 February and 3 March, 60 on one day alone. A quarter of those killed that week were children. The death toll as a result of those delayed or denied access to essential treatment outside Gaza reached 117 by 25 March.

Sunday 6th April



Searchlight and Militant Entertainment Proudly Present:

"A Night of HOPE"

The Grave Maurice, Whitechapel Road E1 (10 metres from Whitechapel Underground)

19.00hrs - 01.00hrs Featuring Live Sets From: **KRAK (former members of the Babyshambles)**, **The Mentalists (acoustic set)**, **The Screaming Blue Jays**, **Skinny White Boys (DJ'ing reggae/ska/whatever)**

Showing Films: Who Shot The Sheriff (Directed by Alan Miles), Hope Not Hate 2007 Tour (Gregg McDonald & Searchlight) £7 on the door or £5.50 in advance contact: m.collins@opwedge.org.uk | 020 76818652



Proudly Supported By Trade Union Friends of Searchlight | Labour Friends of Searchlight
GMB Young members | Philosophy Football

Wednesday 9th April

Supporting Venezuela's Social Progress - Challenging the Media War against Chávez
7.00– 8.30pm Bolivar Hall, 54 Grafton Way, London W1T 5DL (tube: Warren Street)
With special guest: H.E. Ambassador Samuel Moncada

This event marks the sixth anniversary of the military coup that attempted to overthrow the government of President Hugo Chávez and to reverse Venezuela's social gains. Since then there have been ongoing attempts to isolate the Chávez government, including through an international media campaign of disinformation. This meeting will provide an update on recent events in Venezuela, including the implications of the recent Colombian incursion into Ecuador and the ExxonMobil court case, and will examine the media distortions and inaccuracies. It will also discuss how we can most effectively demonstrate our solidarity with Venezuela.

All welcome. To pre-register please contact VIC on 020 7250 0132 or info@vicuk.org

Thursday 10th April

HOW THE MEDIA SELLS WAR AND WHY

LONDON RALLY: **7PM** The Old Lecture Theatre, Westminster University, 309 Regent Street

Speakers:

DAHR JAMAIL, independent journalist in Iraq and author of "Beyond the Green Zone"

NICK DAVIES, award-winning Guardian journalist and author of "Flat Earth News"

KIM SENGUPTA, defence and diplomatic correspondent, The Independent

LINDSEY GERMAN, national convenor, Stop the War Coalition

HOSTED BY: Media Workers Against the War: www.mwaw.net

Tickets: £5, £3 (concessions)

Friday 11th April



SAVE OUR JOB CENTRE

Feltham

6.00pm

Feltham Labour Club, Manor Place

With Alan Keen Labour MP for Feltham & Heston,

Declan Power PCS Branch Secretary, West London

Saturday 12th April

Greater London Labour Representation Committee

From **1pm** in the Lucas Arms, 245 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8QY

Thursday 17th April

An invitation poster with a yellow background and a red border. On the left is a stylized sun with a face. The text reads: 'An invitation. Come and hear why you should use your vote on 1 May in favour of democracy and against the BNP. Thursday 17 April – 7.30 to 10pm The Lambourne Room, Ilford Town Hall, Ilford High Road'. Below this is a list of speakers: Lee Scott MP, Mike Gapes MP, A Liberal Democrat representative, Jean Lambert MEP, and Faith leaders, trade unionists, community and youth workers. At the bottom left, it says 'Free admission, by ticket only. Apply to: Redbridge and Epping Forest Together PO Box 1576, Ilford, IG5 0NG Email: RandETogether@aol.com'. At the bottom right, it says 'A victory for the BNP equals hatred, violence and stupidity'. The background of the poster features a silhouette of the London skyline, including the London Eye.

Saturday 19th April

Morning Star Conference Globalisation: the fightback

9:30 am Mander Hall, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place London WC1

- supported by – UNITE, FBU, POA, UCATT

- sessions hosted by – SERTUC, Institute for Employment Rights, United Campaign for the Repeal of Anti-Trade Union Laws, Cuba Solidarity Campaign, Venezuela Information Centre. on

Fighting Neoliberalism in the Americas

Climate change - ecosocialist alternatives

Migrant Labour: Good, Bad or Inevitable?

Global Capital and Trade Union Rights

For details / registration - www.morningstaronline.co.uk or 020.8510.0815

Monday 21st April

agency workers: social justice long overdue a seminar

1.30 - 4.15pm at the UCU Conference Centre, Britannia Street, London WC1

organised by The Institute of Employment Rights

Who should attend The seminar will be of great interest to trade unionists, employment lawyers, personnel specialists, academics and students and those concerned with the development of public policy.

How to book

To reserve your place, complete the form below and send your cheque, made payable to IER, to Institute of Employment Rights, The People's Centre, 50-54 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5SD.

Tel 0151 702 6925; fax 0151 702 6935; office@ier.org.uk

IER subscribers and members £45.00, Trade unions £60.00, Commercial £120.00

Phelim Mac Cafferty, Projects and Events Officer, Institute of Employment Rights, 179 Preston Road, Brighton East Sussex BN1 6AG t: 01273 330819, e: phelim@ier.org.uk www.ier.org.uk

Tuesday 22nd April

Barnet Trades Council Launch Meeting

7pm, Committee Room 2 Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4. As well as establishing a Trades Council for all trade unions in Barnet, the meeting will discuss the urgent need to Defend Public Services across Barnet.

Guest Speakers:

■ **Jeremy Corbyn MP** (Islington North)

■ **Fremantle dispute**, Unison convenor

■ **Hope not Hate Campaign**, campaigning against the British National Party

■ **Chris Baugh**, Assistant General Secretary, Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union

■ **Pat Sikorski**, Assistant General Secretary, Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) Union

Details: Vicki Morris 07719 283132 or Austin Harney 020 7664 7335

Getting to Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG: **By train** - nearest station Hendon, Thameslink line; then a 15 minute walk or take the 183 bus. **By Tube** - nearest station Hendon Central, Northern line (Edgware branch). On leaving the station turn right and walk 450 m uphill to the crossroads, then turn right and walk 250 m to the town hall. **By bus** - 143, 183 and 326 stop outside the town hall. Or 83, 113, 186 and 240 stop near Hendon Central tube station.

Thursday 24th April

February 2008 the National Union of Teachers' Executive announced a ballot for a 24 hour strike on 24th April for all school-based members. The ballot is currently underway, having started on February 24th and will end on 31st March.

The ballot is the union's response to the three year pay deal announced by the government in January. The government's offer is an increase fixed at a level below the true rate of inflation. This offer follows from previous below-inflation pay deals which teachers have had since 2005. Since that time and over the next three years teachers are facing, in real terms, an effective pay cut and a continual drop in their living standards.

Saturday 26th April

SERTUC Regional Council AGM 10.00 – 14.00 Congress House

You might like to know that meetings of the Regional Council are open to all trade unionists in the Region. However, it is essential that visitors let the office know that they will be attending so we can ensure there is enough space to accommodate them.

Sunday 27th April



12 noon Victoria Park E3

Monday 28th April



**INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER THE DEAD FIGHT FOR THE LIVING!**

Assemble 10.30 Holland St, London SE1 beside Tate Modern, March to HSE HQ in Southwark St, rally, march to City Hall, rally.

Wednesday 30th April

Hope Not Hate 2008

To mark the 30th anniversary of the Rock Against Racism carnival, Academy Events and Militant Entertainment present Hope Not Hate 2008. Featuring Alabama 3 and Misty in Roots, with Tom Robinson and Tony Benn and very special guests to be announced. Carling Brixton Academy, Tickets £20, £16 NUS, UB40 and OAPs. Credit card hotline 0844 477 2000.

Supported by UNISON, UNITE, GMB, RMT, NUJ, FBU, Searchlight and the Daily Mirror

Thursday 1st May 2008 London May Day March and Rally

GLA and Mayoral Elections



Assemble 12 noon Clerkenwell Green, rally at Trafalgar Square

Speakers Include Tony Benn, Jane Loftus (President CWU), Janice Godrich (President PCS)

Saturday 10th May

National Demonstration for Palestine
FREE PALESTINE, END THE SIEGE ON GAZA – FOR THE RIGHT OF RETURN – END
ISRAELI OCCUPATION

Assemble 1pm Temple Underground station/ Victoria Embankment, rally in Trafalgar Square.

Organised by: BMI, PSC, PFB. Supported by UNISON, Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS), Association of Palestinian Community UK, Friends of Al Aqsa UK, War on Want, Jewish Socialist Group, Pax Christi, Stop the War Coalition, Britain Palestine Twinning Network, Midlands Palestinian Community Association.

Saturday 17th May

IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia)

Tuesday 20th May

RMT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
Parliamentary Convenor: **John McDonnell MP**
Invitation to the Third Annual RMT Parliamentary Rail Seminar



“Rail and the Sustainable Transport System”

3 - 6pm, Committee Room 10 House of Commons

Saturday 24th May

11am-4:30pm at Birkbeck College, University of London, Malet Street, WC1E 7HX.

LEAP and Another World is Possible are co-hosting an economics conference **‘Beyond the Market Economy’** at Birkbeck College, London. This conference brings together economists, trade unionists, students and campaigners to debate the crisis and, importantly, to develop contemporary socialist policies in key areas.

Sub-plenaries include: Securing housing for all; Ending corporate power: 21st century models of social ownership; Drowning in debt: transforming the financial system; and Defending pay, pensions and jobs in a global market economy.

You can [register online](#) or by sending a cheque for £10 (£5 unwaged), payable to ‘Another World is Possible’, to LRC, PO Box 2378, London, E5 9QU.

Tuesday 17 June

7pm-11pm RMT / Cuba Solidarity Garden party for Cuba
The 6th annual Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers Garden Party for Cuba
Maritime House, London, SW4.

Saturday 26th July

Celebration of the Bryant & May Matchwomen’s Strike in the summer of 1888

Greater London Association of Trades Union Councils supported by SERTUC
1.30 pm for 2.00 pm (provisional) starting with buffet lunch
Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3S

120 years ago fourteen hundred women workers walked out of Bryant & May’s Bow factory. This meeting will discuss with a panel of speakers how the strike was organised; who led them; what impact did it have on new unionism as it developed from the 1880’s and particularly the strike of the London Dockers in 1889.

Speakers Louise Raw (researcher at London Metropolitan University)
Teresa Mackay (TGWU/Unite)

- Sponsorship and contributions from other speakers invited

MAY DAY GREETING CARDS - please circulate

From the Tolpuddle martyrs in Dorset to the Haymarket martyrs in the USA these cards remind us that the workers are the creators of wealth and a fair distribution is long overdue.

Some cards are cartoons of those who would wish to rule us and some tell the story of that original strike for the eight hour day that created International Workers Day now known as May Day.

Many Trades Councils now send a May Day Greeting card to each of their affiliates/member.

May Day Cards
A Celebration of Workers Solidarity

10 for £7.00 from
Northampton Connolly Association
5 Woodland Avenue
Abington
Northampton NN3 2BY

Tel. 01604-715793

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