

Greater London Association of Trade Union Councils
Events Timetable - February 2008 and Onwards

Tuesday 19th February

Hammersmith & Fulham Trade Union Council AGM 7.30 Information Centre, Unit 20, Hammersmith Broadway Centre, W6 9YD. Secretary Gwen Cook 020 7385 8536 gwen.cook@btinternet.com

Wednesday 20th February

Rally against ExxonMobil in London – Hands Off Venezuela 5pm-6.30pm
3 Clements Inn WC2, nearest Tubes: Temple, Holborn www.handsoffvenezuela.org
london@handsoffvenezuela.org

Thursday 21st February

Camden Trade Union Council Annual General Meeting 7.00 pm TGWU, Transport House, 128 Theobald's Road, WC1X 8TN. Email robert.laurie@bl.uk



Islington Trade Union Council **Annual General Meeting 6.30 pm Islington Town Hall, Upper Street.** Guest Speaker: Jeremy Corbyn MP

The AGM will see the unfurling of the new Islington TUC banner, which highlights Islington's trade union past from the radical Tom Paine who wrote The Rights of Man at the Angel Inn in 1791, the rally of 100,000 trade unionists in Copenhagen Fields in 1834 petitioning for the return to England of the six Tolpuddle Martyrs who were transported to Australia for forming an agricultural union, and five trade unionists jailed in Pentonville prison in 1972 for upholding union rights.

Secretary Mick Gilgunn 07817 254851



**COMEDY
GIG**

There is only one day left to buy tickets for War on Want's Comedy Gig on 21 February!

Top names Armstrong & Miller, Lee Mack, Shazia Mirza, and Jo Caulfield will be joined by rising stars Jack Whitehall and Josh Howie.

Join us at London's legendary Shepherd's Bush Empire and book your tickets today. All proceeds from this must-see gig will go towards War on Want's work fighting global poverty.

Call 0844 477 2000 or visit ticketweb.co.uk to book tickets.

Friday 22nd February



In 2008, Andrew Miller MP is sponsoring a new Bill - the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill. The crucial second reading in the House of Commons will take place on Friday 22 February. If we are going to make progress in the legislative process then we need the support of at least 100 Labour MPs on the day.

Saturday 23rd February

10am - 4pm Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

Mobilising to defeat fascism in London, the South East and the East of England

A mobilisation event for trade unionists

Keynote speakers Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, and Rt Hon **Harriet Harman**, MP for Peckham

The elections for the Greater London Assembly and Mayor will be held on International workers' Day 1 May 2008. If a party achieves 5 per cent of the vote it will almost certainly gain an Assembly seat. We are confronted by the possibility that one or more fascists might be elected to the Assembly. This event is designed to mobilise trade unions in the struggle against the far right, to better enable individual trade unionists to take effective action and to provide the opportunity to build linkages between committed people and campaigns. A significant part of this event will be the running of workshops to teach specific campaign skills that people can use in campaigns against the far-right. All trade unionists and in London, the South East and the East of England are welcome to attend, but the focus for this event will be on the GLA elections to be held 1 May 2008. There is no charge for attending this event. Congress House is a fully accessible building. Delegates should contact their union for travel, childcare and subsistence costs, but lunch will be provided.

Further information will be available shortly, but in the meantime register your interest:

Name	Mobilising to defeat fascism 23 February
Union	
Other (trades council, campaign organisation etc)	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Please specify any disability access and other facilities/needs	

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Saturday 23 February

Hands off Iraqi oil

TELL SHELL AND BP: HANDS OFF IRAQI OIL! END THE OCCUPATION - MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
Meeting Point: Bond Street Tube 12.30pm Costume Code: Pirates! Called by Hands Off Iraqi Oil
<http://www.handsoffiraqioil.org/> and supported by the Stop the War Coalition

11am to 4pm Health, Inequality and Housing seminar Camden Town Hall Judd Street London WC1H 9JE - opposite St Pancras Station. Housing is at the centre of the political agenda. Gordon Brown made that clear when he said "Now in 2007, housing will be a priority" The Government has committed itself to the building of 2 million new homes by 2016 and 3 million by 2020. With Jon Cruddas Labour MP for Dagenham, East London, Professor Peter Ambrose University of Brighton School of Applied Social Science. Peter has written extensively on the relationship of housing conditions and health, the costs generated by housing unaffordability, the relationship of housing costs to poverty. Other speakers to be confirmed. This event is organised jointly with the Labour Housing Group Cost: Statutory and commercial organisations £20, Voluntary organisations and individuals £10, members of Labour Housing Group and Socialist Health Association £10 (includes members of affiliated organisations such as Unite and Unison who represent their union or pay their own way). Unwaged £2.50 Includes lunch and refreshments. Please use our booking form. <http://www.sochealth.co.uk/confs/Booking.htm> Martin Rathfelder Director Socialist Health Association 22 Blair Road Manchester M16 8NS 0870 013 0065 www.sochealth.co.uk

Monday 25th February

Together we can beat the BNP, HOPE not Hate London organising meeting
6pm TUC Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS
The meeting is an opportunity for Searchlight to outline its London campaign and for other organisations, including unions, community groups and faith organisations, to share their own ideas and campaigns. dedicated London elections website. This can be accessed at www.hopenothate.org.uk

Tuesday 26th February

Celebrating LGBT History Month 7-10pm Congress House, Great Russell St. London WC1B 3LS
Free bar and buffet. Spaces limited – please email mdykes@tuc.org.uk Pride Legacy Project was founded in 2006 by Tim Redfern and Justin Varney to help create and support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) programming within creative and heritage venues in London. *This event is sponsored by SERTUC and Unite – T&G Branch 1/1148*



6:30PM Fair-trade Fortnight Special at The Bread and Roses 68 Clapham Manor Street London SW4 6DZ

An introduction to the struggles faced by farmers and producers who rely so heavily on fair-trade to ensure a fair price for their produce will be given by a producer from the Windward Isles. Followed by the film 'White Gold' a film which chronicles the back breaking fight that workers go through to pick cotton and the film 'Ugly Banana's' which looks at the workers who are forced to sell their labour for a pittance to pick Bananas for the companies who have a monopoly

over the market. **For more info, contact Nadine; 07946 172461 or email; nadine@bwtuc.org.uk**

Tuesday 26th February

7.30 Shrewsbury Justice 4 Pickets CONWAY HALL, RED LION SQUARE, HOLBORN.

A steering group is being organised to generate support for an inquiry into the events surrounding the arrest and conviction of Pickets arising from the 1972 building workers strike. Currently in the South East only building workers have shown a noticeable interest in this campaign. As this is an issue that touches the whole of the Trade Union Movement and the Justice system in this country, we hope to involve a wider participation from other areas of the movement. If you need further information please contact Mick Dooley [michael-dooley@hotmail.co.uk]

Wednesday 27th February

London TULO welcomes trade union members from City & East, North East, and Havering & Redbridge constituencies. 6:30 for 7:00pm Light refreshments provided. The Stratford Old Town Hall 29 The Broadway Stratford, London E15 4BQ. Host Linda Perks, Regional Secretary Unison & Chair of London TULO. RSVP Phone: 020 753 56608 Email: k.westwood@unison.co.uk

Barking & Dagenham Asbestos Victim Support Group **National Mesothelioma Action Day** Public Meeting **2:00pm** Council Chamber Barking Town Hall Axe Street, Barking, Essex. Speakers include: Jon Cruddas, MP, Dr Jonathon Samash, Consultant Oncologist (tbc), Jimmy Parish, GMB Union, John Towersey, Asbestos Victim



London - ULU Marxist Society - 160 years of the Comunist Manifesto

18:00 - 20:00

7pm - 9pm Harrow Trades Union Council, Harrow West Labour Centre, Blenheim Road, Harrow. Contact Secretary John Rattray john.rattray2@btinternet.com

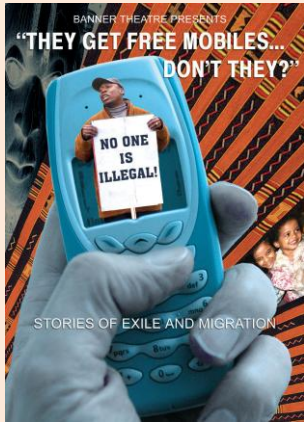
7.30 pm Brent Trade Union Council AGM at the Willesden Trades and Labour Hall, 375 High Rd, Willesden, NW10 2JR. Contact Secretary Ben Rickman [benjamin.rickman1@ntlworld.com]

20.00 Change Labour's Course: **Launch Meeting of Hackney LRC** - John McDonnell MP (Chair of LRC) Cllr Patrick Vernon, Cllr Barry Buitekant (Chair) John Page (Treasurer Hackney Trades Union Council), Speaker from Hackney Refugee & Migrant Support Group, Sophie Bolt (Secretary Hackney & Islington CND) **Hackney Empire Hospitality Suite, Mare St.** Don't want the Tories back? Sick of privatisation of public services at home, nuclear rearmament and war abroad? Come to the launch meeting of Hackney LRC ! The LRC is an open democratic organisation committed to the development of a radical policy agenda for the Labour Party and the trade unions. We need to re-found Labour as a party of radical change. The LRC is seeking to be a campaigning organisation that can reach beyond the Labour Party left and create the basis of a mass Labour Party committed to social justice and equality in the UK and internationally. Membership is open to all who support the aims of the LRC and are not members of any group standing candidates against the Labour Party. Six national unions have so far affiliated to the LRC: CWU, ASLEF, FBU, RMT, BFAWU and NUM and over a thousand individual members have joined. For more information on the LRC see: <http://www.l-r-c.org.uk> Hackney LRC, PO Box 2378, E5 9QU tel. 07810771692

Saturday 8th March

SERTUC Public Services Committee conference on Academy schools (Congress House)

Lambeth Trades Union Council presents a production by Banner Theatre They get free mobiles... don't they? 7 pm The Purcell Room, Southbank Centre Southbank London SE1. This multimedia theatre production from



Banner Theatre sets out to bust some of the myths about refugees and asylum seekers. Combining music, song, video, film and theatre, it speaks for asylum seekers in their quest for safety and security after fleeing war-torn lands in Africa and the Middle East. It tells the human stories of people in the wrong place at the wrong time, and cuts through the myths and prejudice surrounding the search for sanctuary in England's green but sometimes not so pleasant land. Supported by UNITE – T&G 1/1148 Branch www.tgwu-1-1148.org.uk organising the rank & file in Lambeth www.lambethtuc.org.uk more information from Anton: mabuse@mabuse.plus.com, 07858 261 354

Sunday 9th March

London Socialist Film Coop: **Battle of Cable Street & Memories of a future**

THE BATTLE OF CABLE STREET

Yoav Segal, UK 2006, 10 mins

MEMORIES OF A FUTURE

Margaret Dickinson and Pepe Petos, UK 2007, 83 mins EST

Discussion led by Yoav Segal, Margaret Dickinson, Pepe Petos and Michael Rosen

All screenings are on the second Sunday of the month: 10.30 for 11.0 am. **Cinema information:** Renoir Cinema, Brunswick Square, London WC1. **Nearest tube:** Russell Square. **Overground:** King's Cross, Euston. **Buses:** 7, 17, 45, 46, 59, 68, 91, 168, 188.

Booking information: Admission £7.00, concessions £5.00. Discount to annual members £1. **Book in advance** at the Renoir Cinema box office or bar. **Book online** at www.curzoncinemas.com or by phone **0870-850 6927**: there is a booking fee.

For all other enquiries please phone 020-7278 5764 or see our website: www.socialistfilm.blogspot.com

Monday 10th March

LONDON MAY DAY ORGANISING COMMITTEE Preparation for May Day 2008 17.45pm and 2nd Monday of each month thereafter, if late ring Roger Sutton 07818-421327 for access. GFTU, CENTRAL HOUSE, UPPER WOBURN PLACE, LONDON WC1H 0HY nearest tube Euston.

International Women's Day Evening Reception **6-8.30pm** Marble Hall TUC Congress House Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LS.

RSVP Aisha Latif, alatif@tuc.org.uk or tel 020 7467 1239 by 29 February 2008.



Tuesday 11th March London TULO invites trade union members to meet Mayor Ken Livingstone 6:30 for 7:00pm Light refreshments provided. Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW. Trade Union and Labour Party Liaison Organisation London TULO welcomes trade union members from our southern constituencies - South West, Merton & Wandsworth, Croydon & Sutton, Lambeth & Southwark, Greenwich & Lewisham, and Bexley & Bromley. Please join us to meet the

Mayor, fellow trade unionists and your local Labour Members of the London Assembly. RSVP: Alan Tate c/o CWU Phone: 020 7622 3025 (ansaphone) Email: alan@cwulrmt.wanadoo.co.uk www.unionstogether.org.uk/london

Saturday 15th March

There will be internationally co-ordinated World Against War demonstrations on the fifth anniversary of the Iraq invasion, calling for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Iraq and Afghanistan and no attack on Iran.

Assemble 12 noon at Trafalgar Square, London

For more information, see [the Stop the War Coalition website](#).

Weekend of Hope

Barking & Dagenham: 10.30am - 4pm, Labour Halls, Tenterden Road, (off Green Lane), Dagenham **Redbridge:** 10.30.am to 2.pm. Ilford High Road Shopping Precinct (outside the Exchange shopping mall) **Redbridge:** 2.30 pm -4.30 pm. Campaigning in Ilford South. Meet Ilford High Road Shopping Precinct (outside the Exchange shopping mall)



Sunday 16 March Redbridge: 10.30am. Campaigning on the Hainault estate. Meet at Hainault Tube Station (Central Line) Redbridge: Campaigning in South Woodford. Meet 2pm at South Woodford Station on Loughton/Epping section of Central Line. Haringey: 10.30am - 1pm Crouch End, outside Budgens

Wednesday 19th March

SERTUC International Committee 16.30 Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS. Contact Darren Lewis dlewis@tuc.org.uk 020 7467 1220. Speaker so far confirmed - Joni McDougall (GMB) on Indian ship breakers. Support the ETUC campaign for high-quality public services, accessible to all: please sign the petition http://www.petitionpublicservice.eu?utm_source=etuc&utm_medium=email

Saturday 29th March

10:00 - 16:00



Socialist Youth Network Conference 2008

Rebuilding the Labour movement

The Socialist Youth Network is launching a new ambitious programme to create a broad, activist-orientated, non-sectarian movement of young socialists. In the year ahead, we are planning monthly speaker meetings and debates; a newsletter with news, views and debates; new protests to build on our hugely successful demonstration against the Saudi state visit; a caucus of young socialist trade unionists; and COFUP, a living wage campaign. SYN brings together young trade unionists and socialists under the age of 30 and is open to members of the Labour party or of no party at all. The day will chart the way ahead for building Britain's only major non-sectarian socialist youth movement. Make sure you're a part of it. Invited speakers include John McDonnell MP, Bob Crow and Joanne Parry. Looking forward to see you there...

Location: University of London Union (near Euston Square station), Mallet Street, London

Contact: Owen Jones: o.p.jones@gmail.com

National Union of Students Conference, 1-3 April, Blackpool
 Saturday 5th April 10.30-15.30 Supporting and Building Successful Trade Union Councils
 Congress House organised by SERTUC
 TUC Black Workers' Conference, 18-20 April, Eastbourne
 Scottish TUC 2008, 21-23 April, Inverness
 Saturday 26th April SERTUC Regional Council AGM 10.00 – 14.00 Congress House
Monday 28th April



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

Thursday 1st May 2008 London May Day March and Rally



GLA and Mayoral Elections

17th May IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia)

RMT PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

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

“Rail and the Sustainable Transport System”

Tuesday 20th May 2008, 3 - 6pm, Committee Room 10 House of Commons



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.

Don't Waste This Opportunity

Register to Vote

And USE IT

KICK THE BNP OUT OF LONDON on MAY 1st