



Young Workers Forum Action Bulletin

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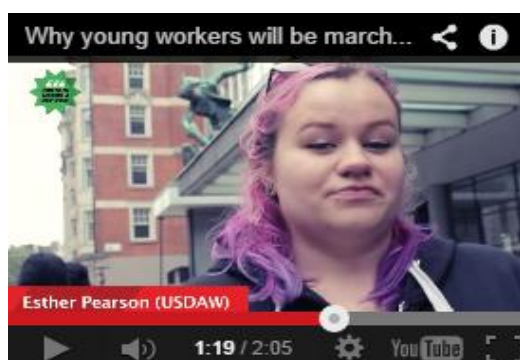
Welcome to the third TUC Young Workers Forum bulletin

These bulletins are produced after each meeting of the TUC Young Workers Forum and are designed as a way to keep young trade unionists up to date on the work the forum is doing.

#Oct18 "Britain Needs a Payrise" Demo

The TUC Young Workers forum recognise that young workers are one of the groups worst affected by low pay. With the national apprenticeship rate at just £2.68 an hour and insecure work contracts like zero-hours, as well as the burden of student debt it's no wonder young people are struggling.

The forum knows how important it is that young workers join the March on Oct 18th to ensure they have a central presence in this vital campaign. That's why they've produced a new video: ["Why Young Workers are Marching"](#).



TUC Young Workers Organising Strategy

The TUC Young Workers Forum is pleased to announce that the Motion to TUC Congress 2014 on Organising Young Workers, was passed unanimously. The forum met on Saturday 4th October to discuss plans for taking this action forward. Based on the discussions the Chair and Vice Chair will be writing up a draft proposal and sending this out to unions for further consultation before meeting with TUC senior staff as part of the consultation process.



Traineeships

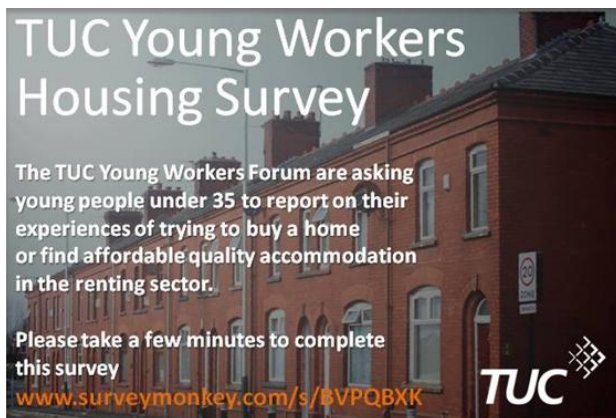
Delegates to the forum have raised concerns regarding the statement from CBI and TUC concerning traineeships. The Forum discussed the issue at their recent meeting and the following action plan has been agreed:

The YWF Chair and Vice Chair will write a statement summarising the concerns raised. The final position of the Forum will then be raised at the next General Council meeting.

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TUC Housing Survey

We have had an overwhelming response to our Housing Survey, so far 2,305 young people have replied, showing that Housing remains a priority issue for young people. Thanks to all who distributed and responded! We will keep you updated on the results.



Young Workers Month

Young Leaders Weekend:

We were oversubscribed for the TUC Young Leaders Weekend, which is a good sign for the programme to be repeated next year. This year the Forum look forward to welcoming 18 young trade union colleagues from: USDAW, GMB, Unite, Prospect, BECTU, UNISON, NUJ, NUT, CWU, PCS, URTU, FBU and UCATT for a weekend at Ruskin College, Oxford, where they will be joined by TUC organising staff and union guest speakers.

The Big TUC Youth Debate:

The forum is pleased to announce new speakers for the Big Debate, including: a young UNISON member and a young member from the Bakers union, BFAWU.

The event will discuss Jobs, Homes & Voice – issues voted as priority concerns at TUC Young Workers Conference. It will be held in London on 15th November at Congress House and registrations are still open, so register [NOW!](#)



TUC Regional events:

- **Yorkshire and Humber**
'Politics, Pay and Pressure' - 29/11
Sheffield.
- **North West**
'Getting Active in our Unions' - 29/11
Liverpool
- **South West**
'Young Workers Weekend' - 21/11
Exeter
- **Southern and Eastern**
'YW Film and Pizza night' - 27/11
London
- **Midlands**
'Know your Rights' union info stall at
Chesterfield College and Question time
event - 7/11
Derbyshire
- **Northern**
'Jobs, Pay and Politics'- event on young
people's engagement in politics with
special guests, activists from the Scottish
referendum debate- 15/11
Newcastle

Details of the regional events for November will soon be available via the [TUC Young Workers Page](#).

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Union Activity for YWM

There has been a great response from unions, many running several events across the UK. There's too much going on to list everything in this bulletin but a list of all union activity will be added to the TUC website very soon and announced via twitter and facebook. Don't forget to also check out events happening on your own union's websites!

Appeal for Blogs

During Young Workers Month, we want to hear from YOU, we are looking for blogs from Young Workers on the subject of Pay/ Political education or Organising Young Workers to publicise throughout Young Workers Month. We would also like: photos, videos, articles on what you're doing during the month to share via social media. Please send your material to Lusher@tuc.org.uk

Young Workers Conference 2015

Interested in joining us for Conference next year? Details of the TUC Young Workers Conference 2015, will soon be circulated via TUC Mail and sent to General Secretaries to disseminate. The Conference will take place between 21st-22nd March at Congress House, London. Information on Young Workers Conference can be found on the [TUC website](http://www.tuc.org.uk).

After #Oct18 Social

Any young workers going to the March on October 18th are welcome to join forum members and other young trade union colleges to a social afterwards. Its being organised by Shelly Asquith, Unite young member and President, University of the Arts Students' union. The social is being held at LCC Darkroom SU Bar, London College of Communication, SE1 6SB London. 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

Contacts

If you would like more information about the TUC National Young Workers Forum or if you would like to know how to get involved in your region please contact us via any of the below:



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Next meetings of the forum:

10th January – Bristol
 11th April – Newcastle
 4th July – Liverpool