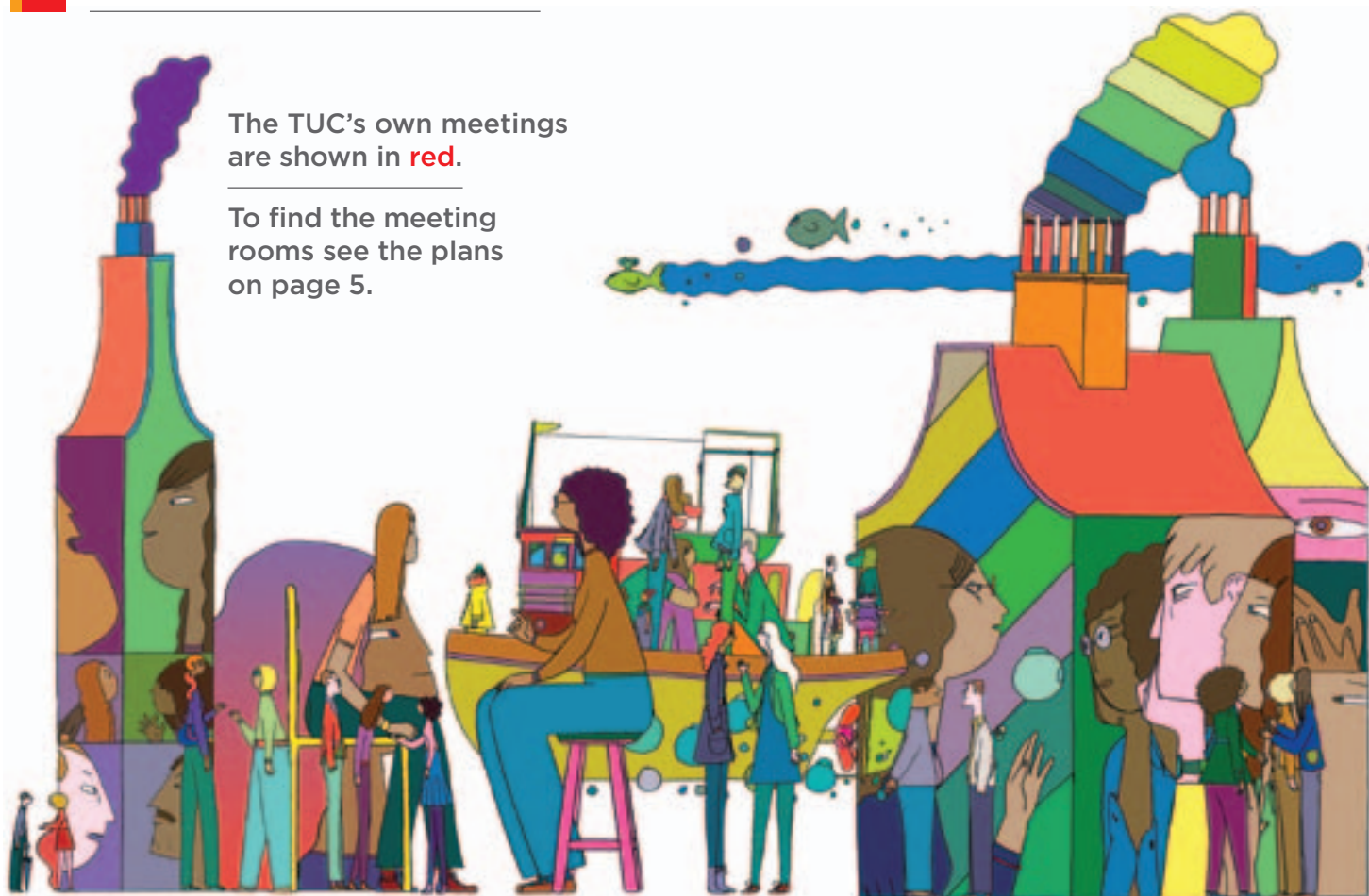


THE FRINGE

The following are the fringe meetings the TUC had details of by the time the Guide went to press.

The TUC's own meetings are shown in **red**.

To find the meeting rooms see the plans on page 5.



SUNDAY EVENING

19.00–20.00

Institute of Employment Rights and Campaign for Trade Union Freedom

Employment rights and trade union freedoms: a post-election agenda

We need strong and effective trade union voices at national, sectoral and enterprise levels. Current attacks on collective bargaining and facility time and systematic weakening of employment rights, trade union freedoms and access to justice leave workers vulnerable in an increasingly unequal society. Moreover, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) poses future threats to our living and working conditions. So what do we want to see from a Labour Government?

There will be a joint social with GFTU

following the fringe.

Speakers: John Hendy QC, IER and CTUF; Keith Ewing, IER and CTUF; Sally Hunt, UCU; Len McCluskey, Unite

Chair: Carolyn Jones, IER

Venue: Liverpool Media Academy, 85–89 Duke Street, L1 5AP

Refreshments provided

Sponsored by Thompsons Solicitors and supported by War on Want

19.15

TUC

Respect at Work: The role of equality reps in promoting equality and preventing discrimination

Despite 40 years of equality legislation, significant inequalities persist in Britain's workplaces. The case for union equality

reps has grown stronger since the coalition government came to power. Funding for advice and casework services has been slashed. The EHRC has been weakened. Parts of the Equality Act 2010 have been repealed. And fees of £1,200 have been introduced for discrimination cases to be heard at tribunal, resulting in an 80 per cent fall in sex discrimination cases, a 60 per cent fall in race cases and a 46 per cent fall in disability cases. Equality reps can play a vital role in making equality rights a reality for more workers – if they are properly supported.

Speakers: Rt. Hon Angela Eagle MP, Sir Bob Hepple QC; James Mitchell, Unite equality rep; Diana Holland, Unite; Gloria Mills, UNISON; Kamaljeet Jandu, GMB

Chair: Sally Brett, TUC

Venue: Hall 11a, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments available

THE FRINGE

MONDAY LUNCHTIME

12.30 – 13.45

TUSDAC

What the world needs now...

TUSDAC fringe meeting on Energy and Climate Change

We call on governments, industry and civil society to unite behind a new UN treaty on climate change.

The challenge we face this year and next is to close the gap between *easy promises* to cut our greenhouse gas emissions and the *hard choices* needed. The coalition's short-term political gaming of our energy policy increases uncertainty and discourages investment in green and decent jobs.

Government, unions and industry must work together for major new investments in low-carbon power supply, rail infrastructure and electric vehicles, and to save our forests. Every workplace should be a green workplace, where we save energy and resources.

Speakers: Rt Hon Caroline Flint MP, shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change; Gail Cartmail, Deputy General Secretary, Unite; Dave Green, National Officer, Fire Brigades' Union

Chair: Sue Ferns, TUC General Council lead on the environment, and Director of Research and Communications, Prospect

Venue: Hall 4a, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments available

12.45

Acas

Unravelling zero-hours contracts

Are zero-hours contracts good or bad? Are they exploitative or an essential part of economic and business flexibility? Or does the problem go deeper? Should we be looking at what's going on in individual sectors? Is the problem about outsourcing, for example, or contractual or legal uncertainties?

And, above all, what do atypical contracts say about the kind of employment relationships we value?

Come and join the debate and let's start finding some answers.

Speakers: Anne Sharp, CEO of Acas; Sarah Veale, Head, Equality and Employment Rights Department, TUC

Chair: Brendan Barber, Chair, Acas

Venue: Hall 4b, BT Convention Centre
Sandwiches and soft drinks

12.45 and 13.45

GFTU

The Union Gap

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Venue: Hall 8, BT Convention Centre

12.45

Morning Star

Fighting for our Future: The Morning Star and trade unions in 2015 and beyond

2015 will be the most important General Election year since the second world war. Everything we have struggled for and gained since 1945 is now on the line. All of us in the trade union and labour movement, the People's Assembly Against Austerity and many others must be part of the struggle to save our society. Every movement needs an educator, agitator, and organiser. The movement has all three and more in the Morning Star, Britain's only national daily socialist newspaper, fighting for peace, socialism and a better world. Join us at our fringe with Unite General Secretary Len McCluskey and others to debate a fighting way forward to 2015, and a better future.

Speakers: to be arranged

Chair: Bob Oram

Venue: Hall 11a, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

12.45–14.00

PCS

How to Fight Cuts and Win

Find out more about how unions and communities are fighting for fair pay and against the attacks on public services.

Speakers will include: Mark Serwotka, General Secretary, PCS; Phillipa Harvey, Senior Vice President, NUT; Steve Turner, Assistant General Secretary, Unite

Chair: Janice Godrich, National President, PCS

Venue: Hall 3b, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

12.45

Show Racism The Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card: Challenging racism in the workplace

SRtRC is asking trade union branches to support its anti-racism education work. Along with many other charities SRtRC has faced a reduction in funding. At the same time, racism remains a major problem in society and, in the current economic climate, is on the rise. SRtRC campaign supporters from the worlds of football and trade unions will share their experiences of the charity's work to challenge racism through education and will provide best practice advice to support the effective challenging of racism in the workplace.

Speakers: Stephen Cavalier, Chief Executive, Thompsons Solicitors; James Kingett, Show Racism the Red Card; Howard Gayle, former Liverpool FC football player; Lynn Collins, Regional Secretary for the North West TUC

Chair: Liz Snape, Assistant General Secretary, UNISON
Venue: Hall 1b, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

12.45

Trades Union Coordinating Group

Building the Fight against Austerity

July 10 was a massive demonstration of the determination of workers to resist the relentless attacks on their services, their standards of living and their rights. Coordination of action across all fronts is essential if we are to maintain the pressure and make the issue of austerity central to the forthcoming general election. We all want the Tories out but Labour has already signalled its intention of sticking to the Tories' spending limits if elected to power. This meeting will address how we can oppose the current attacks and build a growing resistance to the ongoing policies of austerity. Come and join the discussion – all welcome.

Speakers: Christine Blower, NUT; Ian Lawrence, NAPO; John McDonnell MP; Mark Serwotka, PCS; Peter Pinkney, RMT

Chair: Matt Wrack, FBU

Venue: Hall 12, BT Convention Centre

Refreshments provided

12.45–14.00

TUC

TTIP – a progressive agenda for rights, jobs and standards

This meeting will discuss trade union campaigns on rights, jobs and labour, environmental and consumer standards in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). It will consider how unions and allies in the EU, USA and UK can work together to defend workers rights' and the public interest in TTIP. Buffet lunch provided.

Speakers: Tom Jenkins, Senior Advisor, ETUC; Paul Kenny, General Secretary, GMB; John Healey MP and Chair All-Party Parliamentary Group on EU-US Trade and Investment; Judith Kirton-Darling MEP, North East England; Ben Davis, Director of International Affairs, United Steel Workers (USA)

Chair: Billy Hayes, General Secretary, CWU and TUC General Council Europe spokesperson

Venue: Hall 11c, BT Convention Centre
Buffet lunch provided

12.45–14.00

Unions 21

A New Deal for Work: Older workers

How can unions give hope to the generation of workers who are working longer?

The event will explore the union role in ensuring the issues of an aging workforce are addressed by government and employers.

Speakers: Liz Kendall MP, Shadow Minister for Care and Older People; Nicola Lee, Royal College of Nursing; Professor Peter Totterdill Chief Executive, UK Work Organisation Network (UK WON)

Chair: Amy Leversidge, Royal College of Midwives

Venue: Hall 14, BT Convention Centre
Lunch provided

12.45

Venezuela Solidarity Campaign

Solidarity with Venezuela Against US Intervention and Right-wing Destablisation: No More Pinochets in Latin America!

Since Hugo Chavez was first elected in 1998, Venezuela has seen a democratic and social transformation, with millions of people lifted out of poverty. This progress for working people continues under the elected government of former trade union leader Nicolas Maduro, with Venezuela passing arguably the most progressive labour law in the world, shortening the working week, enshrining collective bargaining, outlawing outsourcing plus privatisation, and enhancing equality at work. But this year Venezuela has faced a sustained campaign of anti-democratic, violent, right-wing destabilisation, aimed at 'ousting' the elected government. Now, the threat of US sanctions against Venezuela has been put on the table. Come along to hear eyewitness accounts from Venezuela and find out how we can build solidarity.

Speakers: Alvaro Sanchez, Venezuelan Embassy; Venezuelan trade union speaker; Colin Burgon, Venezuela Solidarity Campaign; Tom Jones, Thompsons Solicitors; Sian Errington, co-author, Institute for Employment Rights pamphlet, *Bolivarian Venezuela – Sustained Progress for Workers' Rights*

Chair: Tony Burke, Assistant General Secretary, Unite
Venue: Hall 11b, BT Convention Centre
Lunch provided

13.00

Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK

Asbestos Victims – an agenda for justice

Compensation for asbestos-related diseases is constantly under attack from the insurance industry whose conspiracy with the coalition government was exposed by the Justice Select Committee in July this year.

This meeting aims to forge an agenda for trade union and political action for worker protection and for 100 per cent justice for asbestos victims. Exposure to asbestos in workplaces occurs on a daily basis.

Exposed workers are now especially at risk of developing mesothelioma, a fatal cancer caused by low, brief exposure to asbestos. Past exposure to asbestos resulting in mesothelioma has already claimed some 40,000 lives. Past exposure will claim another 50,000 lives by 2040. Compensation for asbestos-related diseases is constantly under attack from the insurance industry.

Speakers: Kate Green MP; Tony Whitston, AVSGF; Marie Hughes, Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group
Chair: Hugh Robertson, TUC

Venue: Hall 13, BT Convention Centre
Light buffet

MONDAY EVENING

16.00 and 17.30

GFTU

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Venue: Hall 8, BT Convention Centre

17.30

Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Cuba Solidarity Havana Club Rum Reception

Speakers: Mariela Castro, Cuban MP, Director of the Cuban Centre for Sexual Education and campaigner for gender equality and LGBT rights; Esther Armenteros, Cuban Ambassador; Frances O'Grady, General Secretary, TUC (invited); Len McCluskey, General Secretary, Unite
Christine Blower, General Secretary, NUT

Venue: Hall 12, BT Convention Centre
Havana Club Rum cocktails

17.45

Centre for Social and Labour Studies (Class)

Challenging Power, Raising Living Standards

The last few years have seen an unprecedented growth of inequality in wealth and power. We look at the changes that will need to happen if power and wealth are to be shifted back towards working people. Without strong trade unions and the empowerment of working people we will not be able to tackle inequality and achieve the rise in living standards so urgently needed.

This is why Class is holding an event at TUC Congress that will discuss ways in which the trade union movement can challenge existing power structures in order to reduce wealth inequality and raise living standards sustainably and over the long term.

Speakers: Katy Clark MP; Owen Jones (*The Guardian*, author of *The Establishment*); Oslem Onaran, Professor of Workforce and Economic Development Policy University of Greenwich and other(s) to be confirmed.

Chair: Tim Roache, GMB
Venue: Hall 11c, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

17.45– 19.30

Speak Up for Justice

Our justice system is under unprecedented attack by the coalition government. Probation, policing and prison services are being privatised, over 100 courts have closed, the legal aid budget has been slashed, and there are drastic cuts to funding.

Find out more about the impacts of the



government's reforms on service quality, access to justice and on the justice sector workforce, and learn about the joint union campaign, Speak Up for Justice, involving the TUC, FDA, GMB, Napo, PCS, POA, UNISON and Unite, which calls for an integrated, publicly owned, accountable and accessible justice system.

Speakers: Paul Nowak, TUC Assistant General Secretary; Mark Serwotka, General Secretary, PCS; Steve Gillan, General Secretary, POA; Tania Bassett, National Official for Press, Parliament and Campaigns, Napo
Chair: Juliet Lyon, Director, Prison Reform Trust

Venue: Hall 4a, BT Convention Centre

17.45

TUC

Down and Out: the reality of life for LGBT people in austerity Britain

The popular view that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people have never had it so good seems to have been confirmed by the arrival of equal marriage: but academic research and real-life experience both confirm the existence of deep rooted prejudice and discrimination. Trade unions have led the struggle for equality and much remains to be done. The meeting will learn about research into the impact of austerity and the reality of workplace life for LGBT people in Britain in 2014. Thirty years after Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners achieved a groundbreaking alliance between LGBT campaigners and striking miners, much has been won but attitudes have yet to be challenged.

Speakers: James Anthony, UNISON; Anna Einarsdottir, University of Hull; Helge Hoel, Manchester Business School

Chair: Maria Exall, TUC General Council, Chair, TUC LGBT Committee
Venue: Hall 13, BT Convention Centre

17.45

TUCJCC

The Trades Union Councils Conference successfully moved a three-part motion to the 2013 Congress; this was moved by the late Bob Crow, General Secretary of the RMT who has since tragically died. However, the General Council had reservations about the part of the motion which requested a delegate from the Trades Union Councils Conference attend Congress.

This fringe meeting will explain to delegates the logic of the one subject motion which simply requests Congress to agree to one delegate to attend the annual Congress in order to allow the trades union councils to move the motion.

The Trades Union Councils conference motion will be moved by the President of the RMT and seconded by the General Secretary of the FBU.

Speakers: Kathy Taylor TUCJCC; and UCU; Peter Pinkney, President, RMT; Martin Mayor TUCJCC and Unite

Chair: Alec McFadden, TUCJCC NW

Venue: Hall 4b, BT Convention Centre

18.00

There is an opportunity to take a radical tour of Liverpool which celebrates the strong contribution made by all the City's trade unions as part of the radical history of Liverpool. Two guided tours have been organised at 6.00pm on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 September with each tour taking approximately 90 minutes. If you are interested in going on a tour, contact Keith Lewis on 07825 177280 who will give further details.

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

12.45–14.00

All Together for the NHS

Speakers: Professor John Schofield, President, Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association; Clive Efford MP for Eltham, Labour Party; Pam Black, President, Society of Radiographers; Jenny Brown, Midwife, Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust; Christina McAnea, Head of Health, UNISON; Charlene Sibley, Domestic Worker, Derriford Hospital

Chair: Lesley Mercer, Director, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Venue: Hall 11b, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

12.45 and 13.45

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Banner Theatre

Venue: Hall 8, BT Convention Centre

12.45–14.00

Justice for Colombia

Colombian Unions: Fighting for peace in a death squad democracy

In spite of death threats, attacks, and imprisonment, trade unionists continue to organise in Colombia. Martha Diaz is on the frontline in that struggle. Over the past year she has been involved in nationwide strikes and protests. As a result the death threats against her have increased. In 2010, her daughter was kidnapped.

Come and hear first-hand about being a trade unionist in the most dangerous country in the world to be one, about how the trade union movement is leading the push for peace and get the latest on the Colombian peace process and the work being done by British and Irish trade unionists in support of social justice in Colombia.

Speakers: Peter Bunting, Assistant General Secretary, ICTU; Martha Diaz, Colombian trade unionist; Mariela Kohon, Director, Justice for Colombia; Steve Murphy, General Secretary, UCATT; Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary, TUC

Chair: Jo Stevens, Thompsons Solicitors

Venue: Hall 11b, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments available

12.45

NASUWT

Iraq in Crisis

The fall of Saddam Hussein has failed to secure peace and democracy in Iraq. More than one million people, many from ethnic or religious minorities, have fled their homes to escape violence and persecution. According to the UN, June 2014 was the deadliest month with over 5,000 dead or injured. Children's rights, including the right to education, have also been violated.

This fringe meeting will examine the facts and explore the solutions to the mounting humanitarian and political crisis in Iraq.

Speakers: Chris Keates, General Secretary, NASUWT; other speakers invited

Chair: Geoff Branner, President, NASUWT

Venue: Hall 3b, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

12.45

Prospect

Collective Voice in the Private Sector: what next?

In too many workplaces workers lack effective influence over decisions directly affecting their employment, especially where there is no collective bargaining. This meeting will focus on the state of play in the private sector and explore strategies for strengthening collective voice.

Speakers: Mike Clancy, General Secretary, Prospect; John Hannett, General Secretary, Usdaw; Paul Hackett, Director, Smith Institute

Chair: Denise McGuire, Vice President, Prospect

Venue: Hall 4b, BT Convention Centre
Lunch provided

12.45

Trade Union Friends of Israel

Solidarity with Trade Unions in the Middle East

At a time of turmoil in the Middle East, trade unions should be working globally to advance the cause of peace and prosperity. This session will explore how workers in Israel and Palestine can be the conduit for interaction and relationship building which is needed for a long-term peace.

Invited speakers include: Frances O'Grady, General Secretary, TUC; Avi Nissenkorn, Chair, the Histadrut; Michael J. Leahy OBE, Chair, TUIFI; P J McParlin, National Chairman, POA; Hannah Weisfeld, Director, Yachad

Venue: Hall 11c, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

12.45–14.00

Unionlearn

Britain Needs a Skills Rise

The discussion will focus on:

- how employer investment in training and skills is still much too low in UK workplaces and how this is a major contributory factor to our poor productivity and the “low-pay, low-skill” employment trap
- the impact of the reduction in government investment in skills and expansion of the FE loans system
- the significant role that unions already play in supporting learning and skills through the collective bargaining process and the crucial role of union learning reps and the Union Learning Fund
- how trade unions can support midlife career and personal development for union members and the way in which these issues have been picked up in bargaining with employers about skills and in subsequent Learning Agreements.

This fringe meeting will offer an opportunity to discuss the challenges these trends in skills investment pose and what unions can do to influence policy going forward.

Speakers: Professor Ewart Keep, University of Oxford; Ian Waddell, National Officer, Unite; Christina McAnea, Head of Health, UNISON

Chair: Mary Bousted, General Secretary of ATL

and Chair of the unionlearn Board
Venue: Hall 13, BT Convention Centre

12.45–13.45

TUC

The New Immigration Act 2014: Are these provisions undermining our freedoms and racial cohesion?

The issue of immigration is hotly debated in mainstream politics and the media. It



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affects how people are treated at work and in our communities. The new Immigration Act received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014. It will have far reaching implications for workers, public service users and migrant communities in accessing services and in carrying out daily activities. Provisions in the act include charges for primary health care, and the introduction of document checks for people trying to rent a house, opening a bank account or obtain a driving licence.

The fringe meeting will explore how of trade unions can ensure that service users and workers are treated in a fair and non-discriminatory way under this new Act? Come to the fringe meeting and hear how trade unions are organising and challenging the exploitation of migrant workers in the workplace.

Speakers include: Claude Moraes MEP (tbc); Rita Chadha, RAMFEL; Rosa Crawford, TUC
Chair: Gloria Mills, Chair of the TUC Race Relations Committee
Venue: Hall 4a, BT Convention Centre

12.45–14.00

Shrewsbury 24 Campaign

Miscarriages of Justice: Shrewsbury and beyond

The NWTUC is hosting a meeting to highlight some of the campaigns against miscarriages of Justice for working people. Join us to hear from Ricky Tomlinson whose Shrewsbury 24 campaign is fighting for justice for 24 building workers arrested and charged after the 1972 building workers strike, and other speakers who will highlight the role of the state and the press in attacking working people, including during the miners' strike, the News International dispute and Hillsborough.

Speakers: Ricky Tomlinson plus others to be confirmed
Chair: Steve Farley, NWTUC Chair
Venue: Hall 12, BT Convention Centre

12.45

Unions 21

A New Deal for Work: Young Workers

How can unions give hope to the next generation of workers?

The labour market is changing, placing a unique pressure on students and young people. Many young workers struggle to find high quality employment and also often lack good careers advice and support. These themes have been explored by Unions21 Fair Work Commission and in a new NUS report *The Future of Work*. This meeting will discuss these challenges and the union role in finding solutions.

Speakers: Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary, TUC; Toni Pearce, President, NUS; Fabrice Muamba, PFA, Nick Cusack, PFA
Chair: Sue Ferns, Unions21

Venue: Hall 14, BT Convention Centre
Lunch provided

12.45

Unite Against Fascism

Stand up to Ukip, Racism and Fascism

How should trade unionists respond to the far right and fascists' rise in support at the Euro elections? Moreover, Ukip topped the polls in the Euro elections; although Ukip are not fascists, they are racist populists like the Dutch PVV. Thus, they need standing up to. Ukip are seeking to capture votes on the back of scapegoating immigrants and minorities. This meeting will argue that working people must challenge and not concede to Ukip's racist agenda on immigration.

We will analyse and talk through how to combat the far right such Jobbik and the French National Front.

Speakers: Billy Hayes, General Secretary, CWU; Christine Blower, General Secretary, NUT; Weyman Bennett, Joint Secretary, UAF; Sabby Dhalu, Joint Secretary, UAF
Chair: Steve Hart, Unite

Venue: Hall 11a, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

13.00

The Campaign for Labour Party Democracy

The Unions and the Labour Party

How to build the strength and influence of the TUs within the Labour Party and ensure we win in 2015.

Speakers: Mohammed Azam, former member, Labour Party NEC; Billy Hayes, General Secretary, CWU; Lucille Harvey, Youth Rep, Unite Political Committee); Gaye Johnston Chair, CLPD; Jon Lansman, LeftFutures website; Len McCluskey, General Secretary, Unite; Hazel Nolan, GMB rep. on Young Labour National Committee; Peter Willsman, Secretary, CLPD
Chair: Glen Williams, Branch Secretary, Sefton UNISON.

Venue: Premier Inn, Albert Dock, Meeting Room 4

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16.00 and 17.30

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Banner Theatre
Venue: Hall 8, BT Convention Centre

17.30

Trades Union Coordinating Group

The Great Pay Robbery

To coincide with the publication of a new TUCG booklet, this meeting will look at what the Resolution Foundation has called “an unparalleled collapse in real wages” in the period since the financial crash of 2008. With the epidemic of low pay, and casualised, part-time work, often on zero hours, for the first time a majority of people experiencing poverty are now in work. Real incomes are further squeezed by the cuts to benefits and soaring housing costs, and the benefits system effectively subsidises exploitative bosses and landlords. How can unions and working class communities build an effective fightback to stop this great pay robbery?

Speakers: Tania Bassett, Napo; Kevin Courtney, NUT; Ronnie Draper, BFAWU; Matt Wrack, FBU
Chair: Janice Godrich, PCS
Venue: Jury's Inn (opposite the Convention Centre)
Refreshments provided

17.45–19.30

Action for Rail

Can Labour deliver radical rail reform?

Rail privatisation has failed to deliver on any of its promises over the last 20 years. Public subsidy has more than doubled, there has been little new private investment, and fares have risen more than four times faster than average wages, while private train companies extract bigger profits for their shareholders.

Can a Labour government deliver the radical reform of our railways that is needed?

Public ownership of the railways has widespread public support and could be delivered at no cost by bringing franchises back under public ownership as they expire.

Hosted by the Action for Rail campaign led by the TUC, ASLEF, RMT, TSSA and Unite, and calls for an integrated, national railway under public ownership.

Speakers: Mick Cash, General Secretary, RMT; Mick Whelan, General Secretary, ASLEF; Lorraine Ward, Assistant General Secretary, TSSA; Ian Taylor, Director, Transport for Quality of Life.

Chair: Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary, TUC
Venue: Hall 4a, BT Convention Centre

17.45

CWU, TUC, NUS

The Next Generation

Union membership is declining amongst young workers but so is activism amongst young members. The latest WERS report found that the trade unions movement activist base is getting older. This fringe will set out the extent of this potential demographic crisis and hear from unions who

are taking action to recruit not just the next generation of members but activists as well. **Speakers:** from the TUC Young Workers' Forum, CWU and National Union of Students share their experiences.

Chair: Fern McCaffrey, member of the TUC General Council and Chair of the TUC Young Workers Forum

Venue: Hall 4B, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

17.45

Palestine Solidarity Campaign **Standing Up for Palestine – sanctions now!**

After the horrific attacks on the people of Gaza this summer, is it now more important than ever to stand strong in solidarity with Palestine and push for sanctions against the war crimes committed by the Israeli State. Join us to discuss what the next steps are in support of justice and Palestinian human rights. Please visit our stand in the exhibition area for more information.

Speakers: Dr Mustapha Barghouti, Member of the Palestinian Parliament and General Secretary of the Palestine National Initiative; Len McCluskey, General Secretary Unite; Christine Blower, General Secretary NUT; Billy Hayes, General Secretary CWU; Sally Hunt, General Secretary UCU; Hugh Lanning, Chair, Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Chair: Stephen Cavalier, Chief Executive, Thompsons Solicitors

Venue: Hall 11a, BT Convention Centre
Palestinian Taybeh Beer – sponsored by London and Eastern and South East Regions of Unite – and other refreshments will be provided.

17.45

TUC

Qatar 2022: a World Cup fit for workers?

Horrible working and living conditions have cost hundreds of lives and putting thousands more at risk amongst Qatar's huge migrant workforce as the country seeks to revolutionise its infrastructure in preparation for the 2022 World Cup. Unions and their allies are campaigning for Qatar to start saving lives now, and for world sporting bodies like FIFA to put human and labour rights at the heart of their bidding process.

We will look at the truth behind Qatar's recent promises of reform and discuss ways in which unions, football fans and other campaigners can work together to stop 4,000 workers dying for the World Cup.

Speakers: James Lynch, Amnesty International; Steve Murphy, UCATT; Owen Gibson, *The Guardian*; Malcom Clark, Chair, Football Supporters' Federation; Alison McGovern MP, shadow DFID minister

Chair: Gail Cartmail, Unite

Venue: Hall 11c, BT Convention Centre



17.45

TUSNE

Low-Carbon Nuclear Renaissance: Can the UK meet its emissions obligations

Speakers: Mike Clancy, General Secretary, Prospect; David Shier, Canadian Power Workers Union

Chair: Kevin Coyne

Venue: Hall 13, BT Convention Centre
Refreshments provided

17.45

Unemployed centres

No to Benefit Sanctions, Yes to a Socialist Welfare System

Benefit sanctions are the recruiting sergeant for every zero-hours, low-hours, low-paid, and agency job in the country. With the propaganda war on welfare raging the government has turned the heat up on benefit sanctions with over 500,000 applied in one year. At last the TU movement is waking up to the fact that what happens in the Job Centre directly affects conditions and possibilities for organisation in the workplace. Unemployment is being made so unpalatable that workers are trapped in lousy jobs fearing the insecurity and poverty that faces them should they return to the dole queue. The meeting will address the reality of unemployment in the UK and encourage the fightback.

Speakers: Len McCluskey, General Secretary, Unite; Angela Rayner, North West UNISON Convener; Mark Serwotka, General Secretary PCS; Colin Hampton, Chesterfield Unemployed Workers Centre

Chair: Alec McFadden, Salford Unemployed Workers Centre

Venue: Hall 14, BT Convention Centre

18.00

The North West TUC would like to invite delegates to a special performance of "Call Mr Robeson – a life with songs" performed by Tayo Aluko. The play is a rollercoaster journey through Robeson's remarkable and eventful life, and highlights his radical activism. It features much fiery oratory and some of his famous songs, including a dramatic rendition of "Ol' Man River"

Venue: Hall 1b, BT Convention Centre

18.00

Take a radical tour of Liverpool which celebrates the strong contribution made by all the City's trade unions as part of the radical history of Liverpool. Two guided tours have been organised at 6.00pm on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 September with each tour taking approximately 90 minutes. If you are interested in going on a tour, contact Keith Lewis on 07825 177280 who will give further details.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

14.00 or close of Congress

Relaunch of Wirral TUC unemployed workers centre, the Wirral Advisory Centre, at 23–26 St Anne Street, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 3SJ

The Wirral Centre, which was founded in 1999, has been given new, larger premises by Wirral MBC, free of charge, to allow the excellent work to continue. In the last 12 months, the Centre has served over 2,000 clients and over £750,000 has been won for these clients in terms of welfare benefits, disability cases and employment law during this time.

The Centre is also leading the campaign against benefit sanctions.

All supporters of the TUC unemployed workers centres are invited. Invited speakers are: Len McCluskey, General Secretary, Unite; Paul Nowak, Assistant General Secretary; Rt Hon Angela Eagle MP; Alun Parry, singer/writer.