

Yorkshire&TheHumberTUC's AnnualGeneralMeeting

TheYorkshire&theHumberRegionalTUCheldits AGM on17thand18thApril2009, inBradford. ThiswasthefirsttimethattheAGMhadbeenheldovertwodayswith aneveningmealinbetween,andthenewformatwasextremelysuccessful,providing opportunitiesfordelegatestodebateissuesandnetwork



Ahighlevelofspeakers addresseddelegates,with theFridaymeetingbeing openedbyBrendanBarber (TUCGeneralSecretary) wholaterjoinedtheMinister forYorkshire,RtHonRosie Winterton,inaquestionand answersession.

JohnMonks,GeneralSecretaryoftheETUCandKevinMaguire,AssociateEditorof theDailyMirror, were the after dinnerspeakers and on Saturday, the meeting was opened by Gerry Sutcliffe, MP for Bradford South, who also presented awards in recognition of outstanding and long service to Eddie Spence; Ron Oldfield; Jim Richardson;MargaretHandforthandPatRuiz.





Further speakers included Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP (Secretary of State for Health) and Richard Corbett & Linda McAvan MEPs followed by a presentation from HopeNotHate.



A wide variety of resolutions were passed at the meeting, which will go forward to form part of the regional TUC's work plan for the coming year. These covered:

- The Economy
- The Campaign Against the BNP
- The NUJ's disputes at newspaper presses across the region
- Proposed privatisation of Royal Mail
- Housing crisis
- Clean coal technology
- Pensions
- Public Sector Workers
- Transport

The regional TUC will be concentrating especially upon the effects of the recession within Yorkshire and the Humber, working with partners such as Yorkshire Forward to try to alleviate some of its worst effects. This region has been particularly badly affected by job losses and the Regional Secretary, Bill Adams, is liaising closely with regional trade unions to monitor the situation.

The regional fora and committees continue to do sterling work in the areas of equality and diversity as well as promoting International Issues; Protecting Public Services and working with HopeNotHate on the anti-fascism agenda.



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HopeNotHate bus in Leeds