

TUC South West Annual Conference 2025

AGENDA

Friday 14 March 2025

10.30 Registrations (tea and coffee available)

Delegates collect ballot papers for:

- All Trades Union Council Seats
- Union Reserved LGBT+ Seats

Welcome session for new delegates (Sadie Fulton and Marie Hughes)
(The Sun Room)

Stalls at Conference Tolpuddle Museum and Shop; Thompsons Solicitors; Morning Star; North Devon Palestine Solidarity Campaign

11.45 **CONFERENCE OPENS**
with **Hannah David** Chair

Election of Tellers
Minutes

Any matters arising should be requested in writing before the start of the conference to reduce time.

Minutes of the Regional Council held on 1 February 2025

Minutes of the Executive held on 26 February 2025

Minutes of the Women's held on 26 February 2025

11.50 **TUC South West Annual Report**
Ines Lage TUC South West Regional Secretary
Sadie Fulton TUC South West Policy and Campaigns Support Officer

12.20 **Trade Union Education**
Marie Hughes TUC Education Officer
Alison Foster Trade Union Students Programme Manager, City of Bristol College

12.30 **Motions 1 & 2**
A progressive transport agenda for the South West (RMT)
Supporting Rail Nationalisation and Avoiding Re-Privatisation (ASLEF)

12.45 Lunch

Close of ballot forms for:
All Trades Union Council Seats (3) and
Reserved LGBT+ Seats

- 1.30 **Can devolution deliver change for working people?**
Joe Allen, TUC Policy Officer
Joanie Willett, Associate Professor in Politics, University of Exeter (Penryn Campus)
- 2.30 Tea and coffee
- 2.45 **South West Trades Union Councils: building union communities**
Dave Chapple South West Trades Union Council Joint Consultative Committee Representative
 Trades Council annual report and Trades Council AGM minutes
- Announcement:**
 Executive Committee Results for:
 Trades Union Council Seats and Union Reserved LGBT+ Seats
- 3.10 Workshops
- **A common sponsorship visa – the campaign to secure longevity within the NHS migrant workforce – Adekunle Akinola (The Dune Room)**
 - **Digital Organising – examples of success and failure – John Wood - (Main Conference Room)**
 - **A Four Day Week Campaign - Phil Lindsey (The Sun Room)**
 - **Diversifying the reps base – Rebecca Sixsmith-Hughes (The Pavilion)**
- Delegates collect ballot papers for:**
- All Unions Seats
 - Union Reserved Black and Ethnic Minority Seat
 - Union Reserved Disabled Seats
 - Reserved Trades Union Council Women Seats
- 4.20 **Delivering for workers**
Sian Elliott TUC Director of Organising
- 4.50 **Motion 3 – A four day working week – PCS**
- 5.00 **My story – Yahmo**
yahmó? ʔahqʰa, US Indigenous Activist, Musician and Trade Unionist
- 5.30 **CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**
- 5.45 **Women’s Informal Networking** (*women and non-binary people only*)
 Meet in the Pavilion Room
- 6.30 Dinner (closes 7.30)

8.00 Disco

Saturday 15 March 2025

8.00 to 9.00 Breakfast

- 9.00 **CONFERENCE RE-OPENS** with **Sebastian Michnowicz** Vice-chair
Close of Executive elections
- 9.05 **Neuro-inclusivity at Work**
Joe Savage, Unite
- 9.35 **Motion 4 – Public Sector Cuts (PCS)**
- 9.50 **Digital Transformation in our Unions – are robots coming for our (union) jobs?**
John Wood, TUC Digital Lab
- 10.20 **My Story – Kacim**
Kacim – Algerian trade unionist shares his union activism and how persecution led to him seeking refuge in the UK
- 10.50 Coffee break
- 11.10 **Motion 5 – Better Buses for the South West (RMT)**
- 11.25 **Motion 6 – Reindustrialisation of Shipbuilding Apprenticeships: returning to practical skills over academic rigour (GMB)**
Motion 7 – National Shipbuilding Strategy – a call for stability in UK and South West shipbuilding (GMB)
- 11.45 **Motion 8 – Restoring Winter Fuel Payment must be a first step in reforming the whole UK energy system (UNITE)**
- 12.00 **Emergency Motion - De-recognition of Trade Unions by HCRG, formally Virgin Care (UNISON)**
- 12.15 **Executive election results**
Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 12.25 **Closing remarks**
- 12.30 **END OF CONFERENCE**

Transport information:

12.45 Conference Coach to Barnstaple Train Station
(outside entrance to reception).

This will take approximately 30-40 minutes. Please plan accordingly.