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These are the fringe meetings the TUC knew about by the time the Guide went to press.

- ▶ 12.45-2pm for lunchtime, 5.45-7.15pm for evening
- The TUC's own meetings are shown in purple
- ▶ For a guide to the location of Fringe meeting rooms see page 5

#### SUNDAY EVENING

18.30 (or end of conference) **IER/CTUF** 

#### ROLLING OUT THE MANIFESTO FOR LABOUR LAW

In 2016 IER published a Manifesto for Labour Law offering policy proposals suitable for the 21st century. The ideas were supported by unions, TUC, Greens and SNP. The Labour Party's popular election Manifesto, 2017 incorporated many of the ideas. IER's experts have since translated those ideas into legislative proposals and a second edition of the Manifesto will be launched at the fringe. Joining the platform will be Lauren Townsend (TGI Friday) highlighting the extent to which the balance of power in UK workplaces has shifted against workers. It's time to put unions back at the heart of our economy and at the centre of workplace relations. The fringe has kindly been sponsored by Morrish Solicitors. Speakers: John McDonnell (Shadow Chancellor), Lauren Townsend (Unite/TGI Fridays campaigner) and John Hendy (QC IER/CTUF) Chair: Carolyn Jones (IER/CTUF)

Venue: Charter 4 Refreshments provided

#### MONDAY LUNCHTIME 12.30

#### Trade Unionist Against the EU **EMBRACE BREXIT - REBUILD** AND TRANSFORM BRITAIN

Brexit offers opportunities we never had while members of the EU. This is now being recognised by almost everyone, even the Guardian. Jeremy Corbyn said, 'the next Labour government will ... [take] advantage of new freedoms outside of the EU to allow Government to intervene to protect our industrial base'. The speakers will explore the opportunities offered by Brexit and discuss how the trade union movement can take part in this most exciting phase

from the floor will be welcome. Speakers: Mick Whelan (General Secretary, ASLEF), Sarah Wooley (BFAWU), Kelvin Hopkins (MP), Professor Costas Lapavitsas (author of Left Case Against the European Union) Chair: Jacquie Johnson (former President NATFHE/UCU)

in the history of our country. Contributions

Venue: The Briton's Protection, 50 Gt Bridgewater St, Manchester M1 5LE Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

#### Trade Union Coordinating Group (TUCG) **HOW FIGHTING TRADE UNIONS** MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

How can we demonstrate the value of trade union membership to a new generation of workers? By showing in practice how fighting back together delivers results in the workplace and across our communities. Speakers: Mick Cash (General Secretary, RMT), Janice Godrich (President, PCS), Ian Lawrence (General Secretary, NAPO), Sarah Woolley (BFAWU) Chair: Ronnie Draper (General Secretary, BFAWU) Venue: Exchange 1

Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Unions 21

#### **EVERYDAY VOICE IN THE EVERYDAY ECONOMY**

As part of Unions 21's new Commission on Collective Voice, this session explores what collective voice and bargaining can look like in the 21st century. Speakers: Rachel Reeves MP, Jon Skewes (Executive Director), Patrick Roache NASUWT, Amy Leversidge FDA and Unions 21 Mike Clancy (Prospect) Chair: Becky Wright (Unions 21)

Venue: Exchange 2 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

TUC Race Relations Committee/Centre for Labour and Social Studies (CLASS) IS THE ECONOMY RACIST?

The Chancellors' budgets have disproportionately disadvantaged women and Black communities. The burden of austerity has been placed on the shoulders of the poorest with communities suffering as the public services they rely on disappear. Grenfell has highlighted how Black communities are stuck in the poorest housing. Studies by JRF on ethnicity and poverty identified that Black workers are concentrated in low-skilled sectors associated with low pay and more likely to be in insecure work than white workers and that they are also trapped in low-paid work, have lower-status jobs within high-paying occupations and struggle to access decent jobs. This fringe will discuss how institutional racism is not considered or addressed when economic policy is formulated, implemented, and framed and how this can be changed. Speakers: Faiza Shahen (Dir of CLASS), Dr Adotey Bing-Pappoe, Clive Lewis MP (TBC), Wanda Wyporska (Dir of The Equality Trust) (TBC) Chair: Gloria Mills - (Chair (TUC Race Relations Committee) Venue: Exchange 3 Refreshments provided

British Dietetic Association (BDA) FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Food security combines the politics of population growth, diet, the globalisation of food production and distribution with the limitations of soil, water, land use availability and climate change. Our speakers will ask what is the future of sustainable food for everyone on the planet and in particular what will Brexit mean for UK food systems and sustainability?

Speakers: Professor Tim Lang, City University London (TBC), Elizabeth Atherton RD, Sustainable Diets and Heath manager MEDACT (TBC), Andy Burman, Chief Executive British Dietetic Association Chair: Annette Mansell-Green, BDA Venue: Charter 4

**Venue:** Charter 4 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Rail, Maritime and Transport Union (RMT)
REPARATIONS: WHO'S BEEN PAID
FOR AFRIKAN ENSLAVEMENT?

Reparations for slavery is the idea that compensatory payment needs to be made to the descendants of Africans who had been enslaved as part of the Atlantic Slave Trade. Enslavement is a crime against humanity. What we forget is that since abolition in 1833, payments were made to those who profited from this trade up to 2015. The reparations campaign is about the unpaid wages of those that were enslaved. The RMT has been holding a Reparations Conference for the past 12 years and encourages fellow affiliates to support this campaign. Speakers: Sean Hoyle (RMT's National President), Judy Richards (Co Chair Global Afrikan Congressuk (GACuk)), Glenroy Watson (Former President London Transport Region) and David Comisssiong (Barbados Ambassador CARICOM) Chair: Glen Hart (RMT's Black and Ethnic Member's conference) Venue: Exchange 6

## 12.45 CWU/UNITE/GMB THE FIGHT FOR A NEW DEAL FOR WORKERS

Refreshments provided

Following the TUC rally on 12 May the union movement needs to take forward the fight for a new deal for workers. This requires a serious political and industrial strategy to end insecure employment, advance collective bargaining and to engage and mobilise our members. We'll be discussing how to achieve this and what the TUC and unions need to do to shift the balance of forces and come together to deliver a bold new deal for workers.

Speakers: Len McCluskey (Unite), Tim Roache (GMB) and Dave Ward (CWU), others Venue: Exchange 9 Refreshments provided

12.45
Tell MAMA
BEYOND THE INCIDENT:
OUTCOMES FOR VICTIMS OF
ANTI-MUSLIM PREJUDICE

Tell MAMA is the UK's leading project countering anti-Muslim hate. It is a national, independent and confidential support

service for victims of anti-Muslim hate and prejudice. Tell MAMA maps, monitors and measures anti-Muslim hate in the UK. We provide tailored victim support, advocacy for victims of hate crime and discrimination, signposting and referrals for legal advice and support, and court support for victims. Tell MAMA also provides training for local authorities and other bodies on understanding the changing nature of anti-Muslim hate. Since it was founded in 2012 Tell MAMA's work has led to over 1,000 arrests, and it has helped over 15,000 people.

Speakers: TBC Venue: Exchange 5

#### 12.45

Trade Unionists for Safe Nuclear Energy (TUSNE) **JUST TRANSITION AND NUCLEAR JOBS** 

As the UK shifts towards decarbonised energy sources, and the lines between energy and electricity become more and more blurred, this event seeks to examine the role nuclear will play in a just transition to a low-carbon future. Attendees will hear from industry, union and environmental voices to discuss the need for a balanced energy mix. The nuclear industry reported that it provided £6.4bn and employed over 65,000 people in 2016. With the launch of the government-industry agreed Nuclear Sector Deal, delegates will discuss what this agreement will do towards providing even more job opportunities and stronger local growth across the UK in coming years. Speakers: Tom Greatrex (Nuclear Industry Association) and Tim Roache (GMB Union) Chair: Gill Wood (Prospect Union)

**Venue:** Central 8 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Freedom for Ocalan Campaign & Unite the Union FIGHTING FASCISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST – OCALAN, THE KURDS AND DEFENDING THE WOMEN'S REVOLUTION

The Kurds of Turkey, Syria and Iraq have been central to the fight against the extreme savagery of Daesh yet now face the barbarism of President Erdogan. In Turkey, Kurds face massive repression with cities destroyed and thousands arrested or murdered. In Syria, Turkey has illegally invaded Afrin and committed acts of genocide against the population. The situation is critical. Yet in Northern Syria the Kurds are developing a true progressive society that centres on direct democracy, ecology, and women's liberation based on the teaching of the jailed Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan. Join speakers to discuss how trade unions can support the Kurds in defending women's liberation,

democracy and equality in an area ravaged by violence and repression.

Speakers: Simon Dubbins – Unite International Director, Elif Sarican – Kurdish Students Union, Abdulkarim Sabri Omar – Representative from Rojava (Democratic Federation of Northern Syria), Majdoleen Hassan - Representative from Rojava (Democratic Federation of Northern Syria)

Chair: Christine Blower – NEU

International Secretary Venue: Exchange 10 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Heathrow Airport Ltd
HEATHROW SKILLS TASKFORCE DEVELOPING THE SKILLS NEEDED
TO BUILD AN EXPANDED HEATHROW

The Heathrow Skills Taskforce will officially launch their recommendations to ensure Britain has the critical skills and talent needed to build and operate an expanded Heathrow, and other nationally significant infrastructure projects. This follows the overwhelming backing by Parliament for Heathrow expansion earlier this year. Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from - and pose questions to Lord David Blunkett and other Taskforce members about the evidence they have gathered and their recommendations for how Heathrow attracts and develops its talent and skills pipeline ahead of construction, locally and across the UK. Speakers: Lord David Blunkett (Chair of the Heathrow Skills Taskforce), Gail Cartmail (Assistant General Secretary, Unite) and Paula Stannett (Chief People Officer, Heathrow Airport Ltd) Venue: Exchange 11

Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Show Racism the Red Card CHALLENGING RACISM IN THE WORKPLACE

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is an anti-racism education charity which utilises the high profile of professional footballers as anti-racism role-models to educate against racism in society. The charity was established in 1996 and has continued to grow. The campaign has been very successful and now involves hundreds of top footballers and managers. The campaign now has a national and international reach, with offices in North Tyneside, Glasgow, Cardiff and Southend-on-Sea. As well as producing educational resources we deliver programmes of direct anti-racism education with over 50,000 young people and more than 6,000 adults every year. Speakers: Roger McKenzie (Assistant General Secretary UNISON), Viv Anderson (Former England International), Trevor Sinclair (former England international),

Stephen Cavalier (CEO, Thompsons Solicitors), Bryan Robson OBE (former England international) and John Barnes (former England international).

Chair: Ged Grebby (CEO of Show Racism the Red Card)

Venue: Stanley Suite at the Midland Hotel

Refreshments provided

#### **MONDAY EVENING**

17.30

First Actuarial LLP & Pitmans Law PEOPLE STILL WANT PENSIONS

Working people from 1868 to 2018 have always needed the security of a wage both before and after retirement. But society seems less and less able to provide them with that dignity. Indeed, the last two decades have seen employers retreat from providing good final salary schemes. Instead they now often provide only defined contribution schemes where individuals are required to understand complex products and make sophisticated decisions that can affect their whole future lives. Is it any wonder that many fall prey to pensions scams, poor advice, and the dangers of "freedom and choice"? This session will look at some of the current highs and lows and at how trade unions can achieve real dignity for their members. Speakers: Catherine Lockyer (Partner, First Actuarial LLP), Terry Pullinger (Deputy General Secretary Postal, CWU), Alasdair McDiarmid (Operations Director, Community) and others to be confirmed Chair: Henry Tapper (Business Development Director, First Actuarial LLP) Venue: Lancaster Suite, Midland Hotel, Manchester Refreshments provided

#### 17.45-18.45 CIVIC RECEPTION BY MANCHESTER COUNCIL

Venue: Foyer

#### 18.45 NAE PASARAN!

A film documentary about an extraordinary act of solidarity with those resisting Pinochet. All welcome. Venue: Exchange Auditorium

#### 18.45

Stand Up To Racism THE FAR-RIGHT ON THE RISE: HOW DO WE STOP THEM?

Speakers: Kevin Courtney NEU general secretary, Steve Turner Unite assistant general secretary, Roger McKenzie Unison assistant general secretary, Weyman Bennett Stand Up To Racism & others

Venue: Exchange 10

#### 18.45 Unionlearn RECEPTION

Unionlearn is the learning and skills organisation of the TUC and works to support unions delivery of learning opportunities to their members. As the TUC celebrates its 150th anniversary unionlearn invites you to attend a Reception at TUC Annual Congress 2018. Over the past 12 years more than 40,000 Union Learning Representatives (ULRs) have been trained, whilst every year over a quarter of a million people are given workplace learning opportunities through their union. Join TUC General Secretary Frances O'Grady, unionlearn chair Mary Bousted and Graham Hasting-Evans, Managing Director of NOCN, for an evening of informal networking, drinks and light refreshments which will celebrate the work of unionlearn and look ahead to the future skills challenges unions and workers face. www.unionlearn.org.uk Venue: Derby Suite at The Midland Hotel

**Back Heathrow** BACK HEATHROW THANK YOU RECEPTION

With the backing of Unite, the GMB, Community and other TUC affiliated unions, Back Heathrow's 100,000 local supporters have been leading the campaign to build a new runway at Heathrow. The project will create 180,000 new unionised jobs and 10,000 new apprenticeships. Back Heathrow welcomes colleagues to this thank you event at TUC, to celebrate the securing of a 296-vote Parliamentary majority for the expansion of the UK's only hub airport. This was a major landmark in this long-running campaign.

Speakers: Senior trade union leaders invited Chair: Parmjit Dhanda, Executive Director - Back Heathrow

Venue: Exchange 11 Refreshments provided

Refreshments provided

#### 19.00

Solidarity Reception STANDING UP TO TRUMP - STANDING

IN SOLIDARITY WITH LATIN AMERICA Hear eyewitness accounts and special guests from Latin America including Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua and Venezuela about how progressive movements in the region are resisting Trump's hateful and interventionist agenda, and what we can do to offer solidarity. Event supported by Venezuela Solidarity Campaign, No Coup in Brazil and other Latin American solidarity organisations with thanks to Thompsons Solicitors. Wine, food and refreshments provided. Venue: Rain Bar, 80 Great Bridgewater St, Manchester M1 5JG.

#### TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

12.45

Amnesty International UK & NASUWT CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UK

A toxic mix of austerity and a hostile environment policy is resulting in children in the UK being denied their human rights. This meeting will look at the barriers faced by kids in registering their British nationality, and at the government's callous approach to child refugee family reunification. The government is profiteering from children's rights and hard-pressed local authorities are losing out. The meeting will highlight campaigns to tackle these scandals and will emphasise the practical and progressive role that unions can play in the workplace and more widely to make sure that we avoid creating a new Windrush generation 70 years on. Speakers: Amnesty UK Children's Human Rights Network and "I Welcome" campaigns, the Project for the Registration of Children as British Citizens, and NASUWT Chair: Shane Enright, Amnesty UK

Venue: Exchange 9 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Morning Star

#### HOW CAN THE UNION-LABOUR PARTY LINK BE DEVELOPED FROM THE WORKPLACE UPWARDS?

Under Jeremy Corbyn, the Labour Party has re-established a close working relationship with the Trade Unions. But what does that mean in practice, and how can the link be strengthened at local and national level? Come and hear Morning Star editor Ben Chacko and others set out their perspectives. Plenty of time for questions and discussions. Speakers: Morning Star editor Ben Chacko

plus trade union general secretaries Chair: Carolyn Jones, Director, Institute of Employment Rights

Venue: Exchange 1 Refreshment provided

#### 12.45

Unions 21

#### MORE THAN AN APP, MORE THAN A PETITION: MEANINGFUL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR UNIONS

Digital transformation for unions will require a fundamental shift in data management and strategy. This session explores what we can learn from unions and other organisations to be 21st Century ready.

Speakers: Alison Charlton (Acting head of digital, UNISON), Ali Milani (NUS Vice President, Union Development) Chair: Jenny Andrew (Prospect and Unions 21)



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Venue: Exchange 2 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

**Electoral Reform Society** POLITICS FOR THE MANY

From the Chartists pushing for universal suffrage, to the STUC's role campaigning for a Scottish Parliament, unions have often been at the forefront of demands for a better democracy. There is a new democratic frontier for unions in Britain: reforming Westminster's creaking establishment. From a broken voting system, to an unelected House of Lords, to denying votes 16- and 17-year-olds, parliament is skewed towards a privileged few. Politics concentrates power to a handful of voters in wealthier swing seats, while throwing 22m votes in the electoral scrapheap: a recipe for alienation and distrust. We must constantly struggle to remake democracy anew for each generation. Come along to hear from For the Many - the trade union campaign for political reform. Speakers: Howard Beckett (Assistant General Secretary, Unite), Shavanah Taj (Wales Secretary, PCS & President WTUC), Lynn Henderson (Scottish Secretary, PCS & President, STUC) Chair: Willie Sullivan (ERS Scotland) Venue: Exchange 3

Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Public and Commercial Services (PCS) **SOCIAL SECURITY - WHAT NEEDS** TO CHANGE UNDER A PROGRESSIVE LABOUR GOVERNMENT?

Come and listen to speakers and join the debate on what a properly resourced and funded social security system would look like under a progressive labour government. Can universal credit be reformed or should it be scrapped? How can job centres be improved to be more focused on meeting the needs of local communities? Speakers: Mark Serwotka (General Secretary PCS), Liane Groves (Head of Unite Community) and Colin Hampton (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) Chair: Janice Godrich (President PCS) Venue: Charter 4 Refreshments provided

12.45

#### TUC Young Workers Forum HARASSED AT WORK: TACKLING THIRD PARTY HARASSMENT

Young people are particularly vulnerable to third party harassment. This meeting explores why this is. Harassment by third parties such as customers, clients and the general public is a huge problem, with the expansion the service sector, an increase in precarious contracts and the undermining of trade union voice at work. We will hear

from young workers about the impact harassment has on them, what barriers there are in addressing it and how unions can help them to win better treatment at work. Speakers: McStrike (BFAWU) TUC, Usdaw, Other speakers TBC Chair: Craig Dawson, Chair of the

TUC Young Workers Forum Venue: Exchange 5 Refreshments provided

Justice for Colombia TRADE UNIONS. HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE IN COLOMBIA

The recent election of a right-wing president offers many challenges to peace, human rights and trade unionism in Colombia. Violence against civil society has sparked alarmingly, with over 300 social and political activists murdered since the start of 2016. The General Secretary of Colombia's main trade union confederation, the CUT, joins JFC to discuss how Colombian workers and civil society are fighting to defend labour rights, human rights and peace with social justice in their country. Speakers: Luis Alejandro Becerra Pedraza (President, CUT Colombia) Steve Cavalier (Thompsons Solicitors) Mariela Kohon (Director, Justice for Colombia) Mick Whelan (General Secretary, ASLEF)

Chair: tbc Venue: Exchange 6 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

Centre for Labour and Social Studies (CLASS) TRADE UNIONS ROLE IN BOOSTING **ECONOMY AND EQUALITY** 

Britain's flatlining economy suffering from wage stagnation and lack of investment stands in stark contrast to those economic competitors that have a higher trade union membership. At this CLASS fringe event we will discuss how the trade union movement can increase awareness in the general public of the importance and value of union not just to safeguard members but also for the good of society. We are also launching a new CLASS publication on trade union membership, economic success and equality. Speakers: John Hendy, QC, Kate Bell (TUC, Head of Economic and Social Affairs), Prof Richard Wilkinson (author), Dawn Butler, MP (invited) Chair: Dr Faiza Shaheen (Director - CLASS) Venue: Central 8

Refreshments provided

## 12.45

PCS & No Third Runway Coalition TRANSPORT, CLIMATE **CHANGE & JOBS** 

The transport sector accounts for 34% of the UK's carbon emissions and is a major contributor to poor air quality. At the same time, automation and digital processes are set to radically change the way transport operates. The current government provides little response to these challenges and how we will build the future transport system including its closer integration with the energy sector. This fringe meeting will look at the current debate in the trade union movement on transport and climate change, and how we can respond to this in a way that ensures good unionised iobs in a zero-carbon transport system. Speakers: Rt Hon John McDonnell MP, Manuel Cortes (TSSA) & Tahir Latif (PCS). Diana Holland (Unite) (TBC)

Chair: tbc

Venue: Exchange 10 Refreshments provided

#### 12.45

National Education Union (NEU) ARE WE EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR A POST-BREXIT FUTURE?

With Brexit and the resulting skills gaps, looming along with persistently low productivity, skills education is high up the political agenda. Government is attempting to create a skills education offer that addresses these economic issues, gives vocational education the same status as academic routes and provides opportunities for social mobility. The plans for T level qualifications, set to be introduced from 2022, represent a complete transformation of the vocational education sector. Government's plans do not however address a number of key structural barriers to the skills education that the UK needs. Our fringe panel will discuss whether the government's skills reforms are working and what can be done to overcome the wider barriers to excellent quality skills education."

Speakers: tbc Chair: tbc

Venue: Exchange 11 Refreshments provided

#### **TUESDAY EVENING**

#### 17.45

Campaign Against Climate Change and Greener Jobs Alliance **JUST TRANSITION -BEYOND TOKENISM?** 

Calls for a Just Transition are gaining traction among unions, amid a growing realisation that the climate crisis is becoming ever more urgent This fringe meeting aims to challenge the false choice still seen by many as between jobs and the environment. The meeting will seek to take the debate on just transition beyond tokenism into how unions can take a place at the forefront of campaigning for an economic transformation which puts the planet, decent jobs, equality and social justice at the heart of the political agenda.

Speakers: Clive Lewis MP (Shadow Treasury Minister), Chris Baugh (Assistant General Secretary), PCS Sarah Woolley (Regional Secretary, Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union) and Bill Adams (Regional Secretary, Yorkshire & the Humber TUC) Chair: Suzanne Jeffrey (Campaign

Against Climate Change) Venue: Exchange 1

#### 17.45

War on Want

#### WHOSE TRADE IS IT ANYWAY? MAKING TRADE WORK IN POST-BREXIT BRITAIN

Trade wars are back, trade policy is high on the agenda, and the trade minister, Liam Fox, is flying around the world trying to line up trade deals with anyone who will listen, not only with the US but also Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Turkey. In the midst of this a strong, progressive vision for how trade can work for people and planet is vital. Without this, the trade crisis will be exploited to embed deregulation, privatisation and corporate privilege in our society. The voice of the labour movement needs to be central and democratic oversight of trade is essential. Join a discussion about making trade work for social justice - decent jobs, good healthcare, climate action and all the other things we value, both in the UK and around the world. Speakers: Barry Gardiner MP (Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade), Kathleen Walker Shaw (European Officer, GMB), Nick Dearden (Director,

Chair: tbc Venue: Exchange 2 Refreshments provided

#### 17.45

Unite the Union

#### **WORKING CLASS MISCARRIAGES** OF JUSTICE - ENSURING THEY **NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN**

Global Justice Now) and War on Want

There are many working class miscarriages of justice which involve the police and politicians, dating back over 40 years. The fringe highlights these issues, what needs to be done for justice to be achieved and what must happen to prevent similar injustices in the future. Speakers: Sheila Coleman - Hillsborough Justice Campaign, Chris Peace - Truth and Justice Campaign, Dave Smith -Blacklist Support Campaign, Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance (COPS), Terry Renshaw – Shrewsbury Picket Chair: Howard Beckett, assistant general secretary, Unite Venue: Charter 4 Refreshments provided

#### 17.45

#### Work & Equalities Institute **WORK AND EQUALITIES: FUTURES AND CHALLENGES**

Using research undertaken by the Work and Equalities Institute, the meeting aims to discuss how equality at work has been challenged and undermined by recent political developments. There will be various trade union and academic speakers including Heather Wakefield, Lynn Collins, Jill Rubery, Debra Howcroft, Tony Dundon, and Miguel Martinez Lucio, who will reflect on how the concept of equality is central to the labour movement agenda and how its reinvention and deepening in the age of Uberisation, Brexit and Trump is both necessary and possible. Speakers: Heather Wakefield, Lynn Collins (TUC North West), Jill Rubery, Debra Howcroft, Tony Dundon, Miguel Martinez Lucio amongst others: Work and Equalities Institute, The University of Manchester Chair: Jill Rubery WEI, The University of Manchester

Venue: Central 8 Refreshments provided

#### Palestine Solidarity Campaign Fringe SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

Join us to hear about the current situation in Palestine and how you and your union can stand up for justice and equality for the Palestinian people. Now more than ever, with Israel's onslaught on the Palestinian people reaching new proportions, it is crucial that we step up our solidarity, and challenge the companies and institutions complicit with Israel's war crimes and breaches of human rights. Everybody welcome. Please visit us at the PSC stall in the exhibition area for more information.

www.palestinecampaign.org

Speakers: Salma Karmi-Ayyoub (Palestinian Lawyer and executive committee member of the British Palestinian Policy Council), Mark Serwotka (General Secretary PCS), Michelle Stanistreet (General Secretary NUJ), Mick Whelan (General Secretary ASLEF), Kiri Tunks (President NEU/NUT), Gail Cartmail (Assistant General Secretary Unite the Union) and Hugh Lanning (Chair Palestine Solidarity Campaign)

Venue: Exchange 11 Refreshments provided

#### UCU, NASUWT, NEU, EIS & NAHT **JOINT EDUCATION** UNIONS RECEPTION

The education unions invite you to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the TUC. Venue: Midland Hotel, Derby suite Refreshments provided

#### 18.30

National Pensioners Convention and the National Pensioners' Education and Welfare Centre ANNUAL JACK JONES' LECTURE: BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY. WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND HOW WE CAN REBUILD IT

Every year, the NPC and the NPEWC stage a lecture in memory of our founder and former TGWU leader, Jack Jones. This year, to coincide with the TUC's 150th anniversary, Rebecca Long-Bailey will outline Labour's plan to rebuild Britain's industrial base.

Speakers: Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Shadow Business Secretary Chair: Bill Moores National Pensioners' Education and Welfare Centre Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester, M2 5NS

Refreshments provided

#### 17.45

#### DevoConnect, in partnership with IPPR North and supported by UNISON WHAT CAN DEVOLUTION DELIVER FOR TOMORROW'S WORK?

With devolution changing the face of politics and the advent of local industrial strategies offering new opportunities for trade unions to influence local economics everywhere. this session will ask: What can devolution deliver for tomorrow's work? Metro Mayors Andy Burnham and Steve Rotheram have been invited to set out their plans to use their devolved powers to make work more trade union responsive and inclusive. Speakers: Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester (invited); Steve Rotherham, Mayor of Liverpool City Region (invited); Sarah Longlands, Director of IPPR North; Christina McAnea, Assistant General Secretary of UNISON

Chair: Gill Morris, Founder and CEO of DevoConnect

Venue: Lancaster Suite, the Midland Hotel Refreshments provided

#### 18.30

Daily Mirror

#### LAUNCH OF THE WIGAN PIER PROJECT

Join us as we recreate Orwell's famous journey through the north and Midlands of the UK 80 years on - through austerity Britain. Speakers: Frances O'Grady, General Secretary TUC, Ros Wynne-Jones, Daily

Mirror columnist and special guests Chair: Ros Wynne-Jones, Daily Mirror Venue: People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3ER

Drinks provided