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We are delighted to announce the events taking place in the North West to Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the TUC.

Over the last 2 years we have worked closely with a range of partners across the region to make sure that our anniversary is marked appropriately, not just be celebrating our past, but by marking the important present day role of Trades Unions, and looking to the future to build a movement fit to face the future challenges .

This email summarises the key events taking place, and I would be grateful if you could circulate this to your activists, officers, branches and members by as many means as possible. We have tried to provide links for all events where they exist, so this should make finding out more about events as easy as possible. We will also be adding information to our website

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/north-west>

and you can find general information about the TUC's 150th anniversary including the stories of some of the some who help shape our movement here

<https://tuc150.tuc.org.uk/>

From Now Until September 2018

Exhibition – The Power of Unity - 150 years of the TUC , at the Working Class Movement Library

<https://www.wcml.org.uk/whats-on/events/exhibition-the-power-of-unity--150-years-of-the-tuc/>

Thursday 17th May - 2-5pm - Working Class Movement Library

Celebrating 150 years of the power of unity

A celebratory event alongside our exhibition, with Lynn Collins from TUC North West and Clare Coatman from TUC young workers' project talking about the future of unions, and reaching out to young workers. Join us for discussion and cake! – see WCML above for details



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Friday 1st June - Mechanics Institute Manchester

TUC - Retrospect and Prospects Conference

As the trade union movement celebrates its 150th birthday in the UK, this conference takes the opportunity to look back at the role and influence of the TUC on significant industrial, political and legal developments over the years, and seeks to explore and define what the future role of the UK's trades union centre will be.

Speakers are drawn from a range of backgrounds and include trades union leaders, academics and politicians, full details on the Eventbrite page .

The conference has been organised by TUC North West in conjunction with the Manchester Industrial Relations Society, and is supported by Thompsons Solicitors and UCU – The University and College Union

***** There are a limited number of places left at this conference with 100 delegates already registered so BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment ******

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tuc150-retrospect-and-prospects-tickets-42781768421>

Saturday 2nd June, Mechanics Institute

TUC North West Commemorative Regional Council and Reception.

Invitations to this event will be circulated over the next few weeks

Wednesday 6th June , Mechanics Institute , Manchester

Celebrating Apprenticeships Event

The agenda for the first meeting of the TUC in 1868 included technical education and the 'limitation of apprenticeships' which we assume meant the proper regulation of them.

To celebrate this landmark Unionlearn with the TUC are hosting an event at the historic Mechanics Institute. The event will celebrate apprenticeships past, present and future.



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Guest speakers include the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, who will talk about skills we need now and those we need in the future.

Mary Sayer, who is responsible for the Unite in schools programme will explain how helping pupils understand the importance of how a collective approach can solve issues.

The activities will include a visit by school children from a local school, who will help celebrate our history and a number of short videos on apprenticeship support.

Come and learn about what we are doing to support apprentices across the UK, and find out how you can support apprenticeship programs in your present work place.

It's an opportunity to celebrate our proud history. But even more importantly, it's a chance for us to reach out to a new generation and get ready for the challenges of the next 150 years.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tuc-150-apprenticeships-celebration-tickets-45229170667>

Thursday 7th June , Mechanics Institute Manchester

50-100-150 Marking the fight for equality

June 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the formation of the TUC . 2018 also marks 100 years since some women won the right to vote, and on 7th June 2018 we mark 50 years since the women of Ford Motor Company, in Halewood and Dagenham began their strike for equal pay which led to the introduction of the Equal Pay Act .

This special event with a panel of leading and inspiring women will look at what we have achieved, and whats still to be done . The panel will include :-

Frances O Grady , General Secretary of the TUC

Laura Smith MP for Crewe and Nantwich

Brenda Warrington - Leader of Tameside Council

Gloria Mills, President of the European TUC Womens Committee

Eva Herman - PHd student - precarious work in Greater Manchester today

And will include a special celebration of the Women of 1968

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/50-100-150-marking-the-fight-for-equality-tickets-45551809689>



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Friday 8th June , Mechanics Institute Manchester

'You gotta fight for your right to safety' - Health & Safety in the workplace

The safety and health of workers is good for the workplace, good for the economy and good for society. What can we learn from our past to show the improvements we need to make, to ensure that workers leave work healthy and uninjured now and in the future?

Hear from union speakers and more about the challenges we face and what our response must be.

Also hear from Frances O'Grady, TUC General Secretary, as she opens up the conference. Other speakers to be confirmed.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/you-gotta-fight-for-your-right-to-safety-health-safety-in-the-workplace-tickets-45587314886>

Friday 8th June , Across Manchester

Manchester Histories Festival TUC Day

<https://manchesterhistories.co.uk/whatson/page.aspx?ID=87>

The day includes films and tours and culminates in an event featuring **Frances O Grady in Conversation with DJ Dave Haslam**

As part of Manchester Histories Festival 2018 and marking the 150th anniversary of the first Trades Union Congress (TUC) in Manchester and Salford in 1868, DJ/writer Dave Haslam will be interviewing the TUC's current General Secretary, Frances O'Grady.

The world of work is in crisis. Expect discussion on the current challenges (trade union membership has halved since the 1970s), and the potential role of trades unions in a contemporary landscape of zero hours, job insecurity, Brexit, deregulation, low pay, and the gig economy. This is also an opportunity to discuss what we can learn from radical, labour, and Manchester history. In addition, we'll gain



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an insight into Frances O'Grady's ideas and inspirations, and discover more of her personal journey; from joining the Labour party aged 15, memories of her time studying at the University of Manchester, and her thoughts on being the first woman in the role of General Secretary.

Doors at 7pm, the event starts 7.30pm, with an approximate running time of one hour (including plenty of time for audience questions).

'For me, trade unionism isn't a career - it's a cause' Frances O'Grady, the first female General Secretary of the TUC on being on the Woman's Hour Power List.

<https://manchesterhistories.co.uk/projects/page.aspx?ID=105>