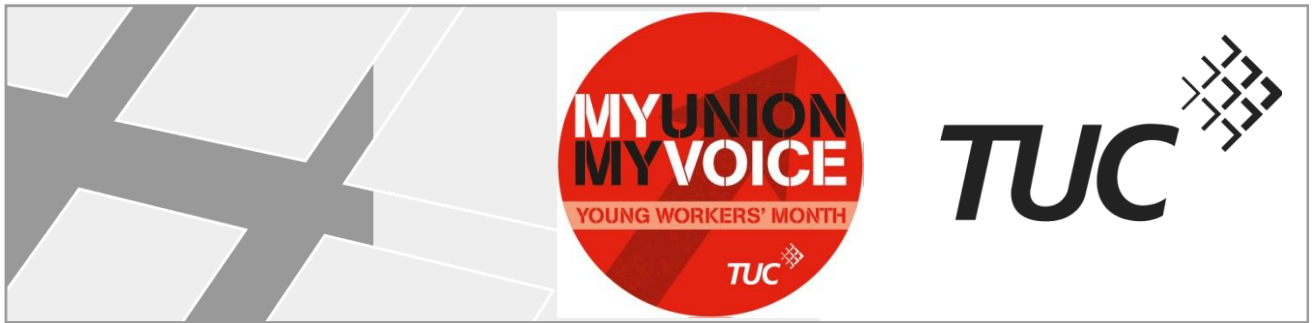




Young Workers Forum Action Bulletin

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TUC Young Workers Forum bulletin.

Welcome to the second TUC Young Workers Forum bulletin

These bulletins are produced after each meeting of the TUC Young Workers Forum to be a way of keep young trade unionists up to date on the work of the forum.

The last meeting of the TUC Young Workers Forum took place on 2nd August, in Birmingham. The meeting discussed progress made against each of the Forum's priority campaigns Pay, Political Education and Promoting Unions to Young Workers and also discussed plans for the second TUC Young Workers Month which will be taking place in November.

Progress on Priority Campaigns:

Pay:

The young workers forum will be asking for a young person to address the TUC National Demo in Hyde Park on 18th October and we will be working with the organisers of the TUC's 'Britain Needs a Pay Rise' campaign to ensure that young workers pay features predominately in the campaign

The TUC's economics department are already working on research looking into statistics on young workers and low pay and a follow up event to Fairpay Fortnight is planned.

Political education:

The TUC is currently working with 'Bite the Ballot' on a workplace Voter Registration Campaign Pack.

Arrangements for TUC Young Workers Month:

The forum discussed plans for the November 2014 TUC Young Workers Month.

Unite are planning a political school and will add other events and activities; **BECTU** are planning a recruitment drive and various networking events, **PCS** are planning regional young members training sessions, new recruitment material and a new Charter for young members; **FBU** and **Prospect** are working on launching young members structures within their unions... more plans are due to be released at the September meeting.

Nationally, the TUC will be organising the following:

- [The 'Big TUC Youth Debate](#); Jobs, Homes & Voice' will be held in London on 15th November at Congress House. The event is being supported by the NUS and confirmed speakers currently include: The Guardian's Zoe Williams, Tom Copley from the London Assembly, Alex Hilton of Generation Rent, Managing Director of Bite the Ballot, Michael Sani, Michelle Stainstreet, NUJ

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General Secretary, Toni Pearce, NUS National President. Register [now](#) for your place!

- We are working with TUC Regional Offices to organise events in each TUC region during Young Workers Month. Each region now has a sponsor from the Young Workers Forum to support the organisation of events.
- The TUC is running a Young Leaders Weekend, November 28th-30th further details and application forms can be found on the [website](#).
- The office is also producing a short film featuring young trade unionists talking about why unions are important and relevant to them. The video will be premiered at Congress in September.
- The meeting was followed by an Open Forum on Jobs and Employment. The meeting heard from a panel of young workers, MPs and union leaders



Responses were given by two local MPs Jack Dromey and Steve McCabe and there was a lively question and answer session followed by a speech from Ian Hodson of the Bakers Union.

The young workers then took to the streets of Birmingham to support the [Fast Food Rights](#) campaign with an action outside a local McDonalds.



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On the Congress agenda this year, there are a number of motions relating to issues faced by Young Workers. These will go alongside the motion on an Organising Strategy for Young Workers which was submitted by the Young Workers Conference.

The Young Workers Forum is organising a Congress Fringe meeting on Youth Activism in unions. The fringe will take place on Tuesday 9th September at 5:45pm.

If you would like more information about the TUC National Young Workers Forum or if you would like to know how to get involved in your region please contact:

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Next Meeting of the Forum: 20th October, Congress House, London.