

## Young Workers Forum Action Bulletin



## Number 7, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Welcome to the seventh bulletin from the TUC young workers forum, this edition contains updates from the recent meeting in London on 16th January 2016.

## **TUC Campaign Plan**

The meeting started with a presentation on the <u>TUC's Campaign Plan</u> for 2015-2016.

The Campaign against the <u>Trade Union Bill</u> was the first item discussed. Delegates were informed of the TUC's lobbying as the Bill enters its second reading in the Lords, where it received some unexpected opposition from Cross Benchers, Lib Dems and even some Tories who each raised their concerns.



The TUC is busy planning a week of action, to showcase the wonderful work that unions do and raise public awareness of the campaign against the bill. <u>heartunions week</u> will run from 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Make sure you download the <u>Activists pack</u> which provides a timetable on what's happening each day and how you can get involved.

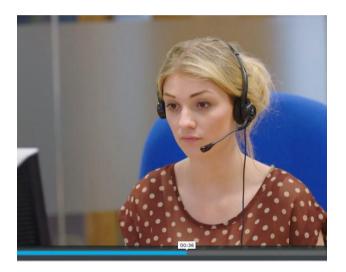
The forum were encouraged to join the big workplace meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb and organise branch meeting in their workplaces.



It's important to have a young workers face to the campaign, so don't forget to tweet a photo with a message of support TUC Young Workers. The posters and message boards for tweeting can be downloaded <u>here</u>



A presentation was also given on the TUC's Young Workers Campaign, which is one of the 5 main priorities for the TUC. The campaign is currently in the research stage with focus groups due to be carried out to find out what makes young people active and the reasons behind why they join membership organisations. Part of the campaign was the development of a new young workers recruitment video 'What have the unions ever done for us' will be to be premiered during heartunions week.



Next up on the agenda was an update on the priority campaigns Mental Health and Housing and a <u>report from Young Workers Month 2015</u>. Delegates signed a giant Housing Charter and were asked for ideas for further campaign activity on the on the priority issues to take place between now and April when new priority issue will be chosen.

Young Workers Forum Conference 2016 was the next item. Conference takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April this year. Delegates were informed that TUC General Secretary Frances O'Grady has confirmed that she will be speaking at the Conference and running and Q and A session. Delegates were reminded of the conference deadlines:

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 deadline for receipt of motions
- w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 preliminary agenda to unions
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 deadline for receipt of amendments
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 deadline for nominations for Young Workers' Forum Vice-Chair
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 deadline for final agenda to reach unions
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 deadline for emergency motions

The last item was a report back from the <u>ETUC</u> <u>youth committee</u> meeting which took place in Brussels on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Forum delegates were informed of the priorities for youth in Europe which centred on <u>organising</u>, the <u>European youth guarantee</u> and <u>quality jobs</u>.

## Contacts

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 us via the below:



Email: Kevin Rowan <u>krowan@tuc.org.uk</u> Twitter: @TUCyoungworkers