

Section 4

Details of past Congresses

No.	Date	venue	President	Secretary to the Parliamentary C'tee or (from 1921) General Council	delegates	unions	Members Represented
1	1868	Manchester	WH Wood (Manchester Trades Council)	WH Wood	34	—	118,367
2	1869	Birmingham	TJ Wilkinson (Flint Glass Makers)	George Potter	47	40	250,000
3	1871	London	George Potter (Working Men's Association)	George Potter	57	49	289,430
4	1872	Nottingham	WH Leatherland (Organised Trade Association)	George Odger	77	63	255,710
5	1873	Leeds	W Lishman (Leeds Trades Councils)	George Howell	132	140	750,000
6	1874	Sheffield	W Rolley (President, Trades Council)	do.	169	153	1,191,922
7	1875	Liverpool	J Fitzpatrick (Secretary, Trades Council)	do.	151	107	818,032
8	1875	Glasgow	J Battersby (Compositors)	do.	139	109	539,823
9	1876	Newcastle	JC Laird (President, Trades Council)	H Broadhurst	140	113	557,823
10	1877	Leicester	D Merrick (Boot and Show Finishers)	do.	152	112	691,089
11	1878	Bristol	GF Jones (Secretary, Trades Council)	do.	136	114	623,957
12	1879	Edinburgh	D Gibson (President, Trades Council)	do.	115	92	541,892
13	1880	Dublin	J Murphy (Ironfounders)	do.	120	105	494,222
14	1881	London	E Coulson (Bricklayers)	do.	157	122	463,899
15	1882	Manchester	R Austin (Engineers)	do.	153	126	509,307
16	1883	Nottingham	T Smith (Boot and Shoe Riveters)	do.	166	134	520,091
17	1884	Aberdeen	JC Thompson (President, Trades Council)	do.	142	126	598,033
18	1885	Southport	TR Threlfall (Typographical Association)	George Shipton	161	136	580,976
19	1886	Hull	F Maddison (Typographical Association)	H Broadhurst	143	122	635,580
20	1887	Swansea	W Bevan (Carpenters and Joiners)	do.	156	131	674,034
21	1888	Bradford	S Shaftoe (Basket Makers)	do.	165	138	816,944
22	1889	Dundee	RDB Ritchie (Dundee Trades Councils)	do.	211	171	885,055
23	1890	Liverpool	W Matkin (Carpenters and Joiners)	C Fenwick	457	211	1,470,191
24	1891	Newcastle	T Burt (Miners)	do.	552	213	1,302,855
25	1892	Glasgow	J Hodge (Steel Smelters)	do.	495	225	1,219,934
26	1893	Belfast	S Munro (Typographical Association)	do.	380	226	900,000
27	1894	Norwich	F Delves (Engineers)	S Woods	378	179	1,100,000
28	1895	Cardiff	J Jenkins (Shipwrights)	do.	330	170	1,000,000
29	1896	Edinburgh	J Mallison (Edinburgh Trades Council)	do.	343	178	1,076,000
30	1897	Birmingham	JV Stevens (Tin Plate Workers)	do.	381	180	1,093,191
31	1898	Bristol	J O'Grady (Cabinet Makers)	do.	406	188	1,184,241
32	1899	Plymouth	WJ Vernon (Typographical Association)	do.	384	181	1,200,000
33	1900	Huddersfield	W Pickles (House and Ship Painters)	do.	386	184	1,250,000
34	1901	Swansea	CW Bowerman (London Compositors)	do.	407	191	1,200,000
35	1902	London	WC Steadman (Barge Builders)	do.	485	198	1,400,000
36	1903	Leicester	WR Hornidge (Boot and Shoe Operatives)	do.	460	204	1,500,000
37	1904	Leeds	R Bell (Railway Servants)	do.	453	212	1,422,518
38	1905	Hanley	J Sexton (Dock Labourers)	W C Steadman	457	205	1,541,000
39	1906	Liverpool	DC Cummings (Boilermakers)	do.	491	226	1,555,000
40	1907	Bath	AH Gill (Cotton Spinners)	do.	521	236	1,700,000
41	1908	Nottingham	DJ Shackleton (Weavers)	do.	522	214	1,777,000
42	1909	Ipswich	DJ Shackleton (Weavers)	do.	498	219	1,705,000
43	1910	Sheffield	J Haslam (Miners)	do.	505	212	1,647,715
44	1911	Newcastle	W Mullin (Cotton Spinners)	C W Bowerman	523	202	1,662,133
45	1912	Newport	W Thorne (Gasworkers)	do.	495	201	2,001,633
46	1913	Manchester	WJ Davis (Brassworkers)	do.	560	207	2,232,446
47	1915	Bristol	JA Seddon (Shop Assistants)	do.	610	215	2,682,357
48	1916	Birmingham	H Gosling (Waterman)	do.	673	227	2,850,547
49	1917	Blackpool	J Hill (Boilermakers)	do.	679	235	3,082,352
50	1918	Derby	JW Ogden (Weavers)	do.	881	262	4,532,085
51	1919	Glasgow	GH Stuart-Bunning (Postmen's Federation)	do.	851	266	5,283,676
52	1920	Portsmouth	JH Thomas (Railwaymen)	do.	955	215	6,505,482
53	1921	Cardiff	EL Poulton (Boot and Shoe)	do.	810	213	6,417,910
54	1922	Southport	RB Walker (Agricultural Workers)	do.	723	206	5,128,648
55	1923	Plymouth	JB Williams (Musicians' Union)	Fred Bramley	702	194	4,369,268
56	1924	Hull	AA Purcell (Furnishing Trades)	do.	724	203	4,327,235

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57	1925	Scarborough	AB Swales (Amalgamated Engineering Union)	do.	727	205	4,350,982
58	1926	Bournemouth	Arthur Pugh (Iron and Steel Trades Confederation)	WM Citrine	696	207	4,365,619
59	1927	Edinburgh	George Hicks (Building Trade Workers)	do.	646	204	4,163,994
60	1928	Swansea	Ben Turner (Textile Workers' Union)	do.	621	196	3,874,842
61	1929	Belfast	B Tillet (Transport Workers)	do.	592	202	3,673,144
62	1930	Nottingham	J Beard (Workers' Union Group, T&GWU)	do.	606	210	3,744,320
63	1931	Bristol	Arthur Hayday (General & Municipal Workers)	do.	589	210	3,719,401
64	1932	Newcastle	John Bromley (Locomotive Engineers & Firemen)	do.	578	209	3,613,273
65	1933	Brighton	AG Walkden (Railway Clerks Association)	do.	566	208	3,367,911
66	1934	Weymouth	Andrew Conley (Tailors and Garment Workers)	do.	575	210	3,294,581
67	1935	Margate	William Kean (Gold, Silver and Allied Trades)	Sir Walter Citrine	575	211	3,388,810
68	1936	Plymouth	AAH Findlay (Patternmakers)	do.	603	214	3,614,551
69	1937	Norwich	Ernest Bevin (Transport and General Workers)	do.	623	214	4,008,647
70	1938	Blackpool	HH Elvin (Clerks and Administrative Workers)	do.	650	216	4,460,617
71	1939	Bridlington	J Hallsworth (Distributive and Allied Workers)	do.	*490	217	4,669,186
72	1940	Southport	William Holmes (Agricultural Workers)	do.	667	223	4,886,711
73	1941	Edinburgh	George Gibson (Mental Hospital Workers)	do.	683	223	5,079,094
74	1942	Blackpool	Frank Wolstencroft (Woodworkers)	do.	717	232	5,432,644
75	1943	Southport	Anne Loughlin (Tailors and Garment Workers)	do.	760	230	6,024,411
76	1944	Blackpool	Ebby Edwards (Mineworkers)	do.	730	190	6,642,317
77	1945	Blackpool	Ebby Edwards (Mineworkers)	do.	762	191	6,575,654
78	1946	Brighton	Charles Dukes (General and Municipal Workers)	Vincent Tewson	794	192	6,671,120
79	1947	Southport	George W Thompson (Draughtsmen)	do.	837	187	7,540,397
80	1948	Margate	Florence Hancock (Transport & General Workers)	do.	859	188	7,791,470
81	1949	Bridlington	Sir William Lawther (Mineworkers)	do.	890	187	7,937,091
82	1950	Brighton	HL Bullock (General and Municipal Workers)	Sir Vincent Tewson	913	186	7,883,355
83	1951	Blackpool	A Roberts (Card, Blowing & Ring Room Operatives)	do.	927	186	7,827,945
84	1952	Margate	Arthur Deakin (Transport & General Workers)	do.	943	183	8,020,079
85	1953	Douglas	T O'Brien, MP (Theatrical and Kine Employees)	do.	954	183	8,088,450
86	1954	Brighton	Jack Tanner (Amalgamated Engineering Union)	do.	974	184	8,093,837
87	1955	Southport	CJ Geddes (Union of Post Office Workers)	do.	984	183	8,106,958
88	1956	Brighton	WB Beard (United Patternmakers Association)	do.	1,000	186	8,263,741
89	1957	Blackpool	Sir Thomas Williamson (General and Municipal)	do.	995	185	8,304,709
90	1958	Bournemouth	Tom Yates (National Union of Seamen)	do.	993	185	8,337,325
91	1959	Blackpool	Robert Willis (London Typographical Society)	do.	1,017	186	8,176,252
92	1960	Douglas	Claude Bartlett (Health Service Employees)	George Woodcock	996	184	8,128,251
93	1961	Portsmouth	Edward J Hill (United Society of Boilermakers)	do.	984	183	8,299,393
94	1962	Blackpool	Dame Anne Godwin (Clerical Workers)	do.	989	182	8,312,875
95	1963	Brighton	Frederick Hayday (General & Municipal Workers)	do.	975	176	8,315,332
96	1964	Blackpool	George H Lowthian (Building Trade Workers)	do.	997	175	8,325,790
97	1965	Brighton	Lord Collison (Agricultural Workers)	do.	1,013	172	8,771,012
98	1966	Blackpool	Joseph O'Hagan (Blastfurnacemen)	do.	1,048	170	8,867,522
99	1967	Brighton	Sir Harry Douglass (Iron & Steel Trades)	do.	1,059	169	8,787,282
100	1968	Blackpool	Lord Wright (Amalgamated Weavers' Association)	do.	1,051	160	8,725,604
101	1969	Portsmouth	John E Newton (Tailors and Garment Workers)	Victor Feather	1,034	155	8,875,381
102	1970	Brighton	Sir Sidney Greene (Railway)	do.	1,061	150	9,402,170
103	1971	Blackpool	Lord Cooper (General & Municipal Workers)	do.	1,064	142	10,002,204
104	1972	Brighton	George Smith (Construction Workers)	do.	1,018	132	9,894,881
105	1973	Blackpool	Joseph Crawford (Colliery Overmen, Deputies)	Lionel Murray	991	126	10,001,419
106	1974	Brighton	Lord Allen (Shop, Distributive & Allied Workers)	do.	1,032	109	10,002,224
107	1975	Blackpool	Mrs CM Patterson (Transport & General Workers)	do.	1,030	111	10,363,724
108	1976	Brighton	Cyril Plant (Inland Revenue Staff Federation)	do.	1,114	113	11,036,326
109	1977	Blackpool	Mrs CM Patterson (Transport & General Workers)	do.	1,150	115	11,515,920
110	1978	Brighton	Mr D Basnett (General & Municipal Workers)	do.	1,172	112	11,865,390
111	1979	Blackpool	Mr T Jackson (Post Office Workers)	do.	1,200	112	12,128,078
112	1980	Brighton	Mr T Parry (Fire Brigades)	do.	1,203	109	12,172,508
113	1981	Blackpool	Mr AW Fisher (Public Employees)	do.	1,188	108	11,601,413
114	1982	Brighton	Mr A Sapper (Cinematograph and TV Technicians)	do.	1,163	105	11,005,984
115	1983	Blackpool	Mr FJ Chapple (Electrical and Plumbing Workers)	do.	1,155	102	10,510,157
116	1984	Blackpool	Mr RW Buckton (Locomotive Engineers and Firemen)	Norman Willis	1,121	98	10,082,144
117	1985	Blackpool	Mr JF Eccles (General, Municipal and Boilermakers)	do.	1,124	91	9,855,204
118	1986	Brighton	Mr K Gill (TASS)	do.	1,091	88	9,585,729
119	1987	Blackpool	Mr FF Jarvis (National Union of Teachers)	do.	1,065	87	9,243,297
120	1988	Bournemouth	Mr C Jenkins (Manufacturing Science Finance)	do.	1,052	83	9,127,278
121	1989	Blackpool	Mr AMG Christopher (Inland Revenue Staff)	do.	1,006	78	8,652,318
122	1990	Blackpool	Ms AW Maddocks (NALGO)	do.	985	78	8,405,246

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123	1991	Glasgow	Mr A Smith (GMB)	do.	937	74	8,192,664
124	1992	Blackpool	Mr R Bickerstaffe (NUPE)	do.	892	72	7,762,469
125	1993	Brighton	Mr A Tuffin (UCW)	John Monks	874	69	7,303,419
126	1994	Blackpool	Mr J Knapp (RMT)	do.	878	68	7,298,262
127	1995	Brighton	Mr L Mills (BIFU)	do.	828	67	6,894,604
128	1996	Blackpool	Ms M Prosser (TGWU)	do.	821	73	6,790,339
129	1997	Brighton	Mr T Dubbins (GPMU)	do.	827	75	6,756,544
130	1998	Blackpool	Mr J Edmonds (GMB)	do.	811	74	6,638,986
131	1999	Brighton	Lord MacKenzie (UNISON)	do.	809	77	6,749,481
132	2000	Glasgow	Rita Donaghy OBE (UNISON)	do.	772	76	6,745,907
133	2001	Brighton	Mr Bill Morris (TGWU)	do.	766	73	6,722,118
134	2002	Blackpool	Sir Tony Young (CWU)	do.	765	70	6,685,353
135	2003	Brighton	Nigel de Gruchy (NASUWT)	Brendan Barber	783	69	6,672,815
136	2004	Brighton	Roger Lyons (Amicus)	do.	723	70	6,423,694
137	2005	Brighton	Jeannie Drake (CWU)	do.	727	66	6,452,267
138	2006	Brighton	Gloria Mills (UNISON)	do.	742	63	6,463,159
139	2007	Brighton	Alison Shepherd (UNISON)	do.	762	59	6,471,030
140	2008	Brighton	Dave Prentis (UNISON)	do.	723	58	6,537,545

Note – From 1869 to 1884 inclusive the numbers set out in the 8th column included representatives of Trade Councils, thus causing some duplication

*Actual attendance. Credentials were issued to 659 Delegates.