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Young Members

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Putting Young Members First!

Lobby of Tory Conference, Birmingham, 3.10.10



Picture Below: All the trade union and campaign group banners in Birmingham.



Around 10,000 people braved the elements and marched in Birmingham on the 3rd of Oct to protest against the wave of (forthcoming) Con-Dem cuts. Co-incidentally this was where the Blue brigade were having their annual conference. Unfortunately, the march against cuts wasn't allowed to march anywhere near the conference centre, what ever happened to being in this together and broken.... I mean big societies? Regardless of the unsociable society cammy- knickers and his millionaire

-was a success! Bolton UNISON managed to send around 20% of the branch committee. Near enough all the unions were involved; UNISON, UNITE, GMB, CWU, PCS, NUT, UCU, RMT and a lot of campaigning groups. If anything maybe this has put some wind up some of the rank and file Tories; with Energy Secretary, Chris Huhne saying *'It's not sensible, outside the Budget period, for governments to make speculations about what is going to happen.'* Reading between the lines of that interview this condem government is now saying they may be flexible in terms of how they implement these cuts as oppose to usual religious hatred of the poor and public services by Thatcher and carried on by Cameron and Clegg.

Next Young Members Meeting Arranged!!

The Next UNISON Young Members Meeting is on Thursday 21st October.

At Bolton Socialist Pub (Off Bradshawgate) Drinks and Food Provided!

All members welcome, plus any non-members contact beforehand to arrange membership.

For any special arrangements or agenda contact either;

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More Details on back!

On the 2nd of October, myself, Andrew and other members of the NW young members forum attended the rally in Manchester, peace gardens. The Rally against youth unemployment was called by PCS (who UNISON have agreed to coordinate protests with). This was not as big as the march above, possibly 50 people but was a good networking opportunity to work more closely with PCS in the future. It also was a good opportunity to see how the newest wave of thatcherite cuts were effecting young people. One of the most alarming figures was the NEET figure; (Not in Education, Employment or Training) which currently stands between 1 in 5 and 1 in 4! This is why we must unite and fight against these cuts!



Not the most flattering picture of Bolton UNISON's Young Members Officers. (the two on the left!)



Young Members Seat on UNISON's National Executive



By now you should have received your ballot papers for UNISON's by-elections for the NEC. The candidates for the young members seat are; Kit Leary (left) and Grum Smith. UNISON Bolton Young Members Nominated Kit Leary and subsequently Bolton UNISON Branch has also nominated Kit Leary. Following that, North West Young Members Forum also nominated Kit Leary.

Sorry Kit! This was the only picture we could find

Also Local Government NEC Elections are taking place for a male seat; The Candidates are Hugo Pierre & Paul Gilroy.

Bolton UNISON's Young members have nominated Hugo Pierre and so has Bolton UNISON Branch

The deadline for receipt of ballot papers by the Independent Scrutineer is 5pm on Friday 22 October 2010.
· The result will be available on 17 November 2010 and the successful candidates will take office immediately.

If individual members have not received a paper by 5 October 2010 then they should contact the ballot helpline operated by UNISON direct on the following telephone number: 0845 355 0845
· Lines are open from 6am to midnight Monday to Friday and on Saturday from 9am to 4pm. Members with hearing difficulties can use text phone 0800 0 967 968.



SAT 23rd OCT!!

UNISON & PCS have come together again to organise in accordance with the TUC a North West Day of Action Against the Con-Dem Cuts!

- The Manchester Rally is as Follows;**
- Assemble for demonstration/Rally 11am-12:25 St. Peters Square
 - Public Meeting— 2pm Mechanics Institute
- Don't worry if you cant get to it all, lets stand together and show them we wont pay for the greedy bankers and tax dodgers!**

Dependant upon numbers; branch subsidies*.

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Is there anything we can do for you??

- Any Work related Problems
- Personal Problems
- Want to become a steward?
- Don't know what a trade union is?
- Don't have any relevant union/ work place contacts
- Advice?

Let us Know:
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All dealt with the **strictest** of confidence!