



1/1148 branch Newsletter

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The

WORKER

Linking up members and the community

Welcome to the first edition of our T&G 1/1148 Branch newsletter THE WORKER. The intention is to make the newsletter quarterly, bringing you information and news about what is happening in your Branch.

Our hope is that you will also be interested in attending the Branch meetings and be involved in Branch life.

The Branch meetings are every second Tuesday of the month, (except August when the Branch does not meet) at 6pm in the CAFOD offices on Romero Close, SW9.

If you have an email address – send it and we can add you to the email list for updates and news as it comes in.



T&G 1/1148 mainly covers the voluntary sector in south London – companies as ARP, CAFOD, Christian Aid and the Workers' Beer Company.

Our Branch is also active in the south London community through its affiliations and work with Trade Councils – supporting local campaigns.

The Branch is affiliated to Battersea & Wandsworth TUC, Croydon TUC, Lambeth TUC, Lewisham TUC

and Southwark TUC.

Along with TUCs the Branch takes an active role in local Labour Parties.

The Branch has a proud history of supporting and being involved in anti-racist / anti-fascist work through Trade Union Friends of Searchlight, Unite Against Fascism and the

National Assembly Against Racism.

T&G 1/1148 believes in the importance of the Trade Union movement linking with the wider community and the struggles of women, disabled people, Black & Minority Ethnic communities and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender community.

Also International solidarity; Palestine and the defence of Cuba, through affiliations with the organisations such as Cuba Solidarity Campaign and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

Workplace organisation

It is vital for the Union to start the process of rebuilding Union organisation in the workplace. The Region is making this a target area of work.

If you are a Shop Steward, H&S Representative or Learning Representative please get in touch with us – we are looking at organizing a Shop Stewards Group in the Branch.

If you are in a workplace with no rep – again get in touch.

Not a member? Join the T&G

Name:

Workplace:

Address:

Return to TGWU 1/1148, BWTUC 898 Garratt Lane SW17 0NB – we will send you a membership form.

Are you a T&G rep? Let us know

Name:

Are you ☐ a Convenor ☐ Shop Steward ☐ Health & Safety Representative ☐ Learning Representative?

Workplace:

Address:

Telephone: email:

Return to Anton Johnson, TGWU 1/1148, BWTUC 898 Garratt Lane SW17 0NB

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Changes and challenges in voluntary sector

In the Voluntary sector a great deal of change is taking place – driven by changes in funding. Supporting People is now in and is having a drastic change in the work of Housing & Support agencies and in our terms & conditions.

The growing paper work and the move towards providing cheaper and cheaper services is leading to more companies adopting

Performance related pay schemes that in the long run are bad news for workers in London.

Supporting People has led to greater job insecurity and stress for workers in the field. These are issues that the Branch needs to make sure the Union is aware of and taking up!

■ The Branch has an
Organiser – Faryal Velmi.

1/1148 Branch Officers

Chair – Seamus MacBride
Branch Secretary – Anton Johnson
Vice-Chair – Martin Graham
Branch Organiser – Faryal Velmi
Treasurer – Graham Jones
Press – Anthony Burbage

BRANCH MEETINGS

DATE: every second Tuesday of the month

TIME: 6pm

VENUE: CAFOD, Romero Close SW9 (nearest stations – Brixton or Stockwell)

Write for The Worker

If you have any items or news that you would like included in THE WORKER please send them in to us, by post or by email.

Branch contact details

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CAMPAIGNING FOR WORKPLACE JUSTICE



**Free unions!
Fair rights!**

THE CASE
FOR A
**TRADE UNION
FREEDOM BILL**
TO MODERNISE
UK LAW ON
INDUSTRIAL
ACTION

MAY DAY **Trade Union Freedom Now!** March for your rights

Monday 1st May 2006 –
assemble at 12,
Clerkenwell Green EC1
Rally Trafalgar Square

Organised by the TUC and London May Day Organising Committee, supported by the Greater London Association of Trade Union Councils. In support of the Trade Union Freedom Bill. Our Branch banner will be on the march – march with us!

What newspaper do you read?

The Branch is a member of the People's Press Printing Society – which owns Britain's only daily left paper the *Morning Star*. Buy the only daily left paper for peace and socialism.

