

# Steel workers to march on Parliament



**When:** 10:30am on Wednesday 28 June 2023 on Trafalgar Square marching to Parliament Square for 11:00am.

**Where:** Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN

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Hundreds of steel workers are set to march on Parliament as new GMB figures show almost 150,000 steel jobs have been lost.

Between 1981 and 2021, a total 146,500 steel jobs have gone, 79 per cent of the entire sector. [1]



Workers from as far afield as Hartlepool and Port Talbot will march from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Square calling for a proper industrial strategy and relief from the energy costs that are crippling the steel sector.

## Great Britain steel employment, 1981 and 2021

Figures accessed 26 June 2023

	Great Britain	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West
1981	186,000	21,000	12,800	48,600	12,000	30,000	3,800	4,300	4,100	1,500
2021	39,500	3,050	3,850	9,700	1,600	4,200	915	120	775	1,400
Change (n)	-146,500	-17,950	-8,950	-38,900	-10,400	-25,800	-2,885	-4,180	-3,325	-100
Change (%)	-78.8	-85.5	-69.9	-80.0	-86.7	-86.0	-75.9	-97.2	-81.1	-6.7

### Charlotte Childs, GMB National Officer, said:

“Under this Government’s watch, the UK’s proud steel industry is being allowed to wither and die.

“Almost 150,000 jobs have gone – close to 80 per cent of the entire steel workforce.

“A lack of industrial strategy and no support for crippling energy costs have left the industry at risk of ‘steel dumping’ from overseas.

“We need action now, or the industry as we know it will cease to exist.”

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