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Congress Sessions

Sunday 8 June 2008

Morning: 9.30am to 12.30pm, afternoon: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Monday 9 June to Thursday 12 June 2008

Morning: 9.30am to 12.30pm, afternoon: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Section Conference Sessions

Tuesday 10 June 2008

Morning: 9.30am to 12.30pm, afternoon: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Except Public Services which will start at 9.00am

Wednesday 11 June 2008

Morning: 9.30am to 12.30pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please state clearly your name and Region every time you address Congress.

Please note that the Standing Orders Committee is recommending that motions marked **X** are out of order.

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Tellers: Regional cover

Birmingham & West Midlands Region will count North West & Irish Region votes

London Region will count GMB Scotland votes

Midland & East Coast Region will count Southern Region votes

Northern Region will count South Western Region votes

North West & Irish Region will count Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region votes

GMB Scotland will count Birmingham & West Midlands Region votes

Southern Region will count London Region votes

South Western Region will count Midland & East Coast Region votes

Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region will count Northern Region votes



MORNING SESSION TO BEGIN 9.30 AM

1. Call to Order by the President
2. Safety Procedures Announcement
3. Banner Ceremony- Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region
4. Welcome to Delegates and Visitors
5. Roll Call
6. Appointment of Tellers
7. Standing Orders Committee Report No.1–Chair: Helen Johnson
8. President’s Address–Mary Turner
9. Vote of Thanks to the President–Mary Hutchinson, CEC, Northern Region
10. Obituary List
11. Confirmation of Standing Orders Committee
12. Presentation of GMB Gold Badges 2008
Alistair McLean, London Region
Audrey Harry MBE, Midland & East Coast Region
13. CEC Rule Amendments
CECRA1 Rule 9 Business of the Congress
CECRA2 Rule A3 Section National Conferences
14. Union Organisation: General
Motion 4 Lay Democracy
Motion 6 Future of the GMB–A Way Forward
Motion 8 Geographical Boundaries of the GMB
15. Union Organisation: Representation & Accountability
X Motion 16 Pay Negotiations
Motion 17 GMB Elections
X Motion 19 The Election of Regional Secretary’s
X Motion 21 Election of Organisers
16. Regional Secretary’s Report: Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region
(pages 142–157)
17. The Post of Deputy General Secretary: Report To Congress
18. Monica Smith, National Secretary, GMB Retired Members Association to Address Congress
19. Union Organisation: Equality & Inclusion
Motion 47 Age Discrimination
Motion 49 Cultural Awareness
Motion 51 Widening the Scope of Equality Claims
Motion 52 Equalities
Motion 53 Disability
Motion 54 Re-Run of Toxic Shock Syndrome Campaign
20. Political: Racism & Fascism
Motion 143 Unite against Fascism
21. Kamaljeet Jandu, National Equality & Inclusion Officer to Address Congress

22. Debbie Coulter to move the Deputy General Secretary’s Report (pages 52-54) and to Address Congress

END OF MORNING BUSINESS—ADJOURN TO 2.00 PM

AFTERNOON SESSION: TO BEGIN 2.00PM

Music by Estover Community College Steel Band

1. Regional Secretary’s Report: GMB Scotland (pages 115–127)
2. Social Policy: Welfare Rights & Services
Comp 11 Winter Fuel Allowance
Motion 202 Winter Fuel Allowance
3. Dave Prentis, TUC President & General Secretary, UNISON to Address Congress
4. Employment Policy: Pensions & Retirement
Motion 68 Basic State Pension
Comp 2 Pensions
Motion 71 Pensions
Motion 74 Final Salary Schemes
5. European Report (pages 27–31)
Kathleen Walker Shaw, GMB European Officer to Address Congress
6. Video Greetings from GMB European Parliamentary Group
7. Political: European Union
Motion 144 Social Europe
Motion 145 Referendum on European Constitution
Motion 146 Europe
8. Employment Policy: Rights at Work
Motion 116 Temporary and Agency Workers Directive
9. Social Policy: General
Motion 171 Reform of Honors List
Motion 172 Proposed cuts within the Fire Service
10. Regional Secretary’s Report: Northern Region (pages 100–106)
11. Employment Policy: Health & Safety at Work
Motion 56 Corporate Manslaughter Act
Comp 1 Asbestos Pleural Plaque & Pleural Thickening
Motion 61 Asbestos Related Diseases
Motion 62 Asbestos
Motion 65 Third Party Violence at Work
Motion 66 Service Awards
12. CEC Statement on Pleural Plaques
13. Presentation of the Daniel Dennis Health & Safety Award 2008
14. Lord McKenzie of Luton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, DWP to Address Congress
15. DVD on Mesothelioma–The Human Face of an Asbestos Epidemic

END OF DAY’S BUSINESS

Monday

9 JUNE

MORNING SESSION TO BEGIN 9.30 AM

DVD on Cammell Laird 1984

1. **Regional Secretary's Report: North West & Irish Region** (pages 106–114)
2. **Social Policy: Criminal Justice**
Motion 147 Cammell Laird 1984
Motion 148 Political
Motion 149 Tackling Gang Culture
3. **Political: Labour Party**
X Motion 126 Labour Party Affiliation and use of the Political Fund
Motion 127 Labour Party Leadership Contests
Motion 128 Labour Internal Election Spending Limits
Motion 129 Labour Party Leadership Elections
Motion 130 Digby Jones and the CBI
Motion 131 Warwick Agreement
Motion 132 Support for Labour MP's at the next General Election
Motion 135 GMB Sponsored Members of Parliament
Motion 136 GMB Sponsored MP's
Comp 6 Members of Parliament- Paid Outside Interests
Motion 139 Labour Representation Committee
Motion 140 Armed Forces Health & Safety
4. **Social Policy: Housing**
Motion 179 Commitment to the Fourth Option
5. **Social Policy: Welfare Rights & Services**
Comp 10 Incapacity Benefit Testing and Vulnerable Members
6. **Regional Secretary's Report: South Western Region** (pages 135–141)
7. **Industrial & Economic Policy: Private Equity**
Motion 119 AA/Saga
Motion 120 Private Equity
8. **Social Policy: General**
Comp 9 Northern Rock, Farepak and Financial Services Institutions
Motion 176 Telesales
9. **Union Organisation: Recruitment & Organisation**
Motion 12 GMB @ WORK Organising Strategy
Motion 13 Olympic Games
10. **National Organising Department Report** (pages 8-9)
11. **Union Organisation: Education & Training**
Motion 45 Stewards Training in Relevant Languages
Motion 46 Residential Education
12. **General Secretary Paul Kenny to move the General Secretary's Report and to Address Congress** (Pages 3-7,9-52)

END OF MORNING BUSINESS—ADJOURN TO 2.00 PM

AFTERNOON SESSION: TO BEGIN 2.00PM

Video Greeting from Linda White, Assistant National Secretary Australian Services Union

1. **Regional Secretary's Report: Midland & East Coast Region** (pages 93–100)
2. **CEC Special Report: GMB Rulebook** (Plain English)
3. **Ana Lucia Pinzon, leader of the Colombian Public Sector Workers Trade Union FENALTRASE to Address Congress**
4. **DVD on Justice For Colombia—Trade Unionists In The Firing Line**
5. **Regional Secretary's Report: London Region** (pages 87–93)
6. **International**
Motion 205 Stop the War
Motion 206 UK Service Personnel
Motion 207 Iraq
Motion 208 Support for Trade Unions Internationally
Motion 209 Iraq Oil Motion
Motion 210 Peace and Statehood for Palestine
Motion 213 Globalisation
Motion 214 Workers Rights in the High Street supply chains
Motion 215 GMB Global Support
Motion 216 Human Trafficking
Motion 218 Land Mines
7. **CEC Special Report: The Green Agenda and GMB: Climate Change, Global Warming, Sustainable Development**
8. **Industrial & Economic Policy: The Environment**
Motion 121 Campaigning against Climate Change
Motion 122 Environmental Representatives
Motion 123 Global Warming
Motion 124 Low Energy Light Bulbs—Possible Health Risk
9. **Union Organisation: General**
Motion 9 Fair Trade Union
Motion 10 Green Options and Eco Friendly Policies
10. **Phil Woolas, Minister of State, Environment (Defra) to Address Congress**

END OF DAY'S BUSINESS

Congress resumes in Plymouth Pavilions on Wednesday 11 June at 2pm

SECTION CONFERENCES

TUESDAY 10 JUNE, all day

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE, morning only

Commercial Services Section Duke of Cornwall Hotel

Manufacturing Section Holiday Inn Hotel

Public Services Section Plymouth Pavilions

Monday

9 JUNE

Wednesday

11 JUNE

AFTERNOON SESSION: TO BEGIN 2.00PM

1. Annual Accounts and Auditors Report
2. **Union Organisation: Finance & Contributions**
Motion 28 Branch Secretary Payments
X Motion 37 Contribution Increase
3. **Union Organisation: Union Benefits**
X Motion 38 Contributions & Benefits
X Motion 40 Increase in Benefits
X Motion 43 Funeral Benefit
4. **CEC Special Report: Contributions and Benefits Proposals**
5. **Employment Policy: Rights at Work**
Motion 82 Repeal the Anti Trade Union laws
Motion 85 'Transforming Tribunals' Legislation
Motion 86 Employment Tribunals
Motion 87 Changes within the Employment Tribunal Services
6. **Social Policy: Welfare Rights & Services**
Motion 191 Dignity in Care
Motion 192 Carers Allowance
Motion 194 Benefits Advice
7. **Social Policy: General**
Motion 160 Grandparent Carers
Motion 161 Support for Carers
8. **Regional Secretary's Report: Southern Region** (pages 128–135)
9. **Employment Policy: Rights at Work**
Comp 5 National Minimum Wage
Motion 103 Low Pay Union Members
10. **Social Policy: Education**
Motion 150 Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning: The Early Years
Comp 7 Trade Union Education in Schools
Motion 154 Basic Life Support for Children
Comp 8 Skills, Employability and Time Off for Basic Skills Courses
Motion 157 Campaign to save Trade Union Education At Keele University
11. **Employment Policy: Migrant Workers**
Motion 118 A better service to Migrant Workers
12. **Michal Mazurek, Consul, Polish Consulate to Address Congress**

MORNING SESSION TO BEGIN 9.30 AM

1. **SOCIAL POLICY: General**
Motion 158 Animal Rights
Motion 159 Ethical Treatment of Intensively Reared Poultry
Motion 165 Alcohol Drinking
Motion 166 Licensing Hours
2. **Regional Secretary's Report: Birmingham & West Midlands Region** (pages 81–87)
3. **Congress Local Gift : Acorns Children's Hospice, Birmingham** which is a children's Hospice offering care for life-limited children and support for their families.
4. **Social Policy: General**
Motion 162 Funding for Hospices Adult and Childrens Care
Motion 163 National Insurance deductions
Motion 164 Abolition of Prescription Charges
Motion 167 Human Organ Donation
5. **Public Services Section Report (pages 72–81) and National Secretary's report back from Section Conference**
6. **Employment Policy: Rights at Work**
Motion 92 A new Public Holiday—Armistice Day
Motion 94 Extra Day holiday for St Georges Day
Comp 4 35 Hour Working Week
7. **Social Policy: General**
Motion 173 Trades Union Councils
8. **Rule Amendments to GMB Plain English Rulebook**
9. **Social Policy: Transport**
Motion 185 Call to Government to promote the creation of a World Leading Public Transport System
Motion 186 Road Safety
Motion 187 Controlled Parking Zones
10. **Social Policy: Welfare Rights & Services**
Comp 12 Nationwide Concessionary Travel for Over 60's
11. **Employment Policy: Rights at Work**
Comp 3 Road Transport Working Time Regulations
12. **Social Policy: General**
Motion 174 Review the Regulators of Privatised Industries to make them more accountable to the Consumers
Motion 175 Fuel Poverty
13. **Social Policy: Welfare Rights & Services**
Motion 198 Warm Front
14. **Commercial Services Section Report (pages 54–61) and National Secretary's report back from Section Conference**
15. **Manufacturing Section Report (pages 61–72) and National Secretary's report back from Section Conference**

Thursday

12 JUNE

Thursday
12 JUNE

16. DVD: "Tracy's Story" Remploy York
17. CEC Statement on Remploy
18. Any Other Congress Business
19. Closing Procedure of Congress

Omnibus Vote of Thanks—John McDonnell, CEC, North West & Irish Region

END OF DAY'S BUSINESS

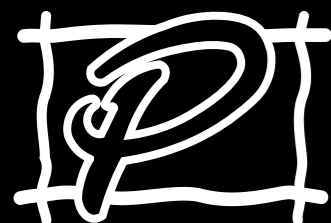
END OF CONGRESS

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MONDAY 9 JUNE 2008

Fringe Events MONDAY

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45 Athena Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

GMB AND THE GREEN AGENDA – THE IMPACT ON JOBS

Chair

John McClean, National Health & Safety Officer, GMB

Speakers

Caroline Lucas MEP

Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary TUC

Environmental issues are moving up the personal, political and industrial agenda. Come to the GMB fringe meeting on awareness of the green agenda and discover how this changing arena could impact on the jobs of GMB members.

Refreshment will be provided

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45 Roma Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

GMB YOUNG MEMBERS AND NO SWEAT FRINGE

Chair

Kamaljeet Jandu, National Equality and Inclusion Officer, GMB

Speakers

Lucinda Yeadon, GMB Member and TUC Young Members Forum

Daniel Randall, GMB Young Member and No Sweat Activist

French Trade Union Young Activist tbc

Many No Sweat activists are also GMB young members and this fringe event brings the two together for the first time, including a young trade union activist from France.

It is being chaired by GMB's newly appointed National Officer for Equalities and Inclusion, Kamaljeet Jandu, and will hear from three speakers with diverse backgrounds.

No Sweat has a long history of supporting GMB members and workers in campaigns to improve working conditions and Daniel has been working in Sheffield to organise young bar workers into GMB.

Lucinda is a long-standing GMB activist and has recently represented GMB on the TUC Young Members Forum.

Kamaljeet will also briefly detail how young members such as Daniel, Lucinda and others can be involved in the new National Equalities Forum.

Refreshment will be provided

Fringe Events MONDAY

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45 Regency Bar, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

A FUTURE FOR PENSION PROVISION

Chair

Naomi Cooke, Pensions Officer, National Office, GMB

Speakers

Phil McEvoy, Pensions Casework Officer, National Office, GMB

There has been much change to workplace and state pensions over the past few years and there is more to come. Come along to this fringe meeting to discuss the pension issues facing GMB in the year ahead.

Refreshment will be provided

GMB SOUTHERN REGION

12.45–13.45 Cotehele Room, Plymouth Pavilions

PRIVATE EQUITY FORUM DISCUSSION DEBATE

Chair

Maria Ludkin, Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer, National Office, GMB

Speakers

Paul Kenny, General Secretary, GMB

Paul Maloney, Senior Organiser, Southern Region, GMB

Simon Walker, CEO, BVCA

Richard Lomas, Public Affairs Manager, BVCA

Jeremy Hand, Chairman, BVCA & Managing Partner, Lyceum Capital

The Walker Report was a report commissioned by the BVCA to produce a voluntary code of transparency. As Private Equity adopts the voluntary code of practice on transparency and accounting, is the Walker Report merely a smoke screen to avoid regulation? This debate gives the opportunity to tease out the issues on private equity accountability.

Refreshment will be provided

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

12.45–13.45 Green Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

PALESTINE – THE WAY FORWARD

Chair

tbc

Speakers

tbc

Palestine solidarity campaign calls for justice for all Palestinians—an end to Israel's illegal occupation, self-determination and dismantling the wall. Eighteen major unions, representing 80% of trade unionists in Britain, are already affiliated to PSC. Come to our conference fringe meeting on Monday 9th

June at 12.30pm in the Green Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road, to hear Palestinian and UK Trade Union speakers. You will get a first hand account of the experiences of the trade union delegation which visited Palestine this January. Delegates and visitors are also invited to come to our stall throughout the conference to learn more about our activities.

Refreshment will be provided

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2008

CUBA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

12.45–13.45 Cotehele Room, Plymouth Pavilions, Millbay Road

HAVANA CLUB RUM RECEPTION

Chair

Mary Turner, President, GMB

Speakers

Paul McCarthy, Regional Secretary, GMB North West & Irish Region

Andy Worth, Regional Secretary, GMB Midlands & East Coast Region

Special guest From Cuba, Gladys Ayllon, Cuban Friendship Institute

Cuba Solidarity Campaign, North West & Irish, and Midlands & East Coast GMB Regions present Havana Club Rum reception. Find out more about the incredible achievements in health, education and international humanitarian work made by the Cuban people and their struggle against the longest illegal blockade in history. Hear the latest news from our special guest speaker from Cuba, and first hand experiences from GMB delegations to the island in 2007 and 2008.

Refreshments and Havana Club rum cocktails.

GMB LONDON REGION

19.30 The Mariner Suite, Holiday Inn, Armada Way, Plymouth

HOW THE GMB CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

Chair

Ed Blissett, Regional Secretary, London Region

Speakers

Komal Chand, President, Guyana Agricultural & General Workers Union

Kenneth Joseph, General Secretary, National Association of Agricultural,

Commercial & Industrial Employees

Alistair Smith, Banana Link

Ana Lucia Pinzon, Fenaltrase, The Colombian Public Sector Workers Union

Liam Craig-Best, Justice for Columbia

The London Region fringe meeting will focus on the way in which GMB members can make a real difference to the working lives of members of trade unions in developing countries. Particular focus at this fringe meeting will be on the practical links that have been set up between the GMB London Region and the Costa Rican and Guyanese trade unions. The speakers at the meeting will also

Fringe Events MONDAY/ TUESDAY

cover the treatment that trade unionists endure in Costa Rica, Columbia and Guyana and how, with our assistance, the exploitation these trade unionists suffer can be challenged and changed.

Refreshment will be provided

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45 Athena Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

WHAT NEXT FOR DISABLED WORKERS

Speakers

Paul Kenny, General Secretary, GMB

Les Woodward, Remploy National Convenor

John McDonnell MP

Jennie Formby, National Officer, Unite

Phil Davies, National Secretary, GMB

Refreshment will be provided

STOP THE WAR COALITION

12.45–13.45 Green Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

FIVE YEARS ON – WHY THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ HAS TO END

Speakers

John Rees and others

One million people have been killed in Iraq. Four million have become refugees. Opinion polls show that the war is unpopular at home and abroad. Gordon Brown has announced that troops are to stay in Iraq, we say bring the troops home now.

THOMPSONS SOLICITORS

12.45–13.45 Roma Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

ASBESTOS UPDATE: THE FIGHT CONTINUES

Chair

John McClean, National Health & Safety Officer, GMB

Speakers

Ian McFall, Thompsons Solicitors

Rt Hon Nick Brown MP

There is no industrial disease that has killed more GMB members or devastated more families than asbestos. The ongoing battle by insurers to limit who can claim compensation, when they can claim and how much they can get means that asbestos disease has featured more prominently in the news, in the courts and on the political agenda than any other industrial disease.

This fringe will be addressed by a leading member of the cabinet who has championed the cause of the asbestos victim with comment and analysis from

the leading trade union law firm which has been involved in all the asbestos test cases of recent years. It will ensure that you and your members are fully up to date with all the latest developments.

Refreshment will be provided

UNITED CAMPAIGN

18.00–21.00 Roma Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

TRADE UNION FREEDOMS: BEYOND THE EMPLOYMENT BILL

Chair

Sue Harris, Thompsons Solicitors

Speakers

Paul Kenny, General Secretary, GMB

John Hendy QC, Chair Of Institute Of Employment Rights

John Usher, Director, United Campaign

Institute of Employment Rights and the United Campaign have drafted, developed and promoted the Trade Union Rights and Freedom Bill. But the Bill has been rejected by New Labour, despite winning the support of TUC and Labour Party conference and 184 MPs. Now the government are discussing the details of an employment Bill. But the Bill fails to mention the fundamental issues contained in the Trade Union Freedom Bill. We think this is a missed opportunity and one that should be reversed if Labour is to once again win the electoral support of millions of trade unionists.

Refreshment will be provided

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2008

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45 Roma Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS – LIFE IN THE NEW SCHEME

Chair

Brian Strutton, National Secretary, GMB

Speakers

Naomi Cooke, Pensions Officer, National Office, GMB

The new LGPA started in England & Wales on 1st April 2008 covering more than 1.6million people in the UK. This fringe is an opportunity to discuss its implementation and the outstanding issues that remain to be resolved.

Refreshment will be provided

SIMPSONS SOLICITORS

12.45–13.45 Cotehele Room, Plymouth Pavilions, Millbay Road

TUPE REGULATIONS

Chair

Doug Henry, Regional President GMB North West & Irish Region

Speakers

Stephen Hardy, Barrister

GMB North West & Irish Region in association with Simpsons Solicitors present:

Talking TUPE

Chaired by Doug Henry, Regional President GMB NW & Irish Region

Stephen Hardy is a barrister at 9 St John Street, Manchester, specialising in employment law. For 13 years he was a law academic (latterly of the University of Manchester), researching into European and Employment Law. He is a respected scholar and author of numerous books and articles in the fields of employment/discrimination and European law. He was a former adviser to the DTI and EU Commission. On coming to the bar, Stephen Hardy has applied his vast knowledge base in regularly appearing before the employment tribunal, especially in TUPE protective awards, trade union consultation issues, age discrimination and dismissals.

Since 2006, he has been the general editor of Sweet and Maxwell's Encyclopaedia of Employment Law, as well as a contributing (UK) editor to Kluwer's international Encyclopaedia on Labour Law. He is also author of 'EU Law in Europe' where his expertise in EU compliance was acknowledged by the EU institutions.

He has wide-ranging experience of acting on behalf of GMB in consultation, equal pay, disciplinary and TUPE cases.

This conference seminar will provide up-to-date guidance on the new TUPE regulations, which since April 2006 has presented new challenges for workers and their representatives. In this talk, the following key issues will be discussed:

- when TUPE should apply;
- handling 'service provision changes' in the workplace;
- consultation concerns;
- managing recognition issues;
- pensions—in or out?
- when litigation counts.

All welcome

Refreshment will be provided

TRADE UNION FUND MANAGERS LTD

12.45–13.45 Athena Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

CURRENT ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT THEMES AND HOW THEY IMPACT ON THE GENERAL UK PUBLIC

Chair

Allan Wylie, Finance Director, GMB

Speakers

David Sachon, Retired Managing Director Threadneedle Investment Services Limited, Director Of Trade Union Fund Managers Ltd
David Kiddie, Former Chief Investment Officer ABN Amro Asset Managers, Trade Union Fund Managers Ltd

The Investment Jungle and How to Survive in it

A simple look at the current economic trends and their impact on investment markets. We will examine the current situation and assess how it impacts on investment decision making for unions and individuals alike.

Refreshment will be provided

WAR ON WANT

12.45–13.45 Green Room, New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road

WORKERS' RIGHTS ON THE SHELF

Speakers

Simon McRea, Senior Campaigns Officer, War On Want and others

The big 4 UK supermarkets control 75% of the market. They pay consistently below the industry average to suppliers, and recent research has discovered that workers in Bangladesh making clothes for our supermarkets can work up to 16 hours a day for 80 hours a week on wages of around £8 per month.

Isn't it time for the regulation of UK companies and their suppliers?

Should exploited workers overseas have the right of redress?

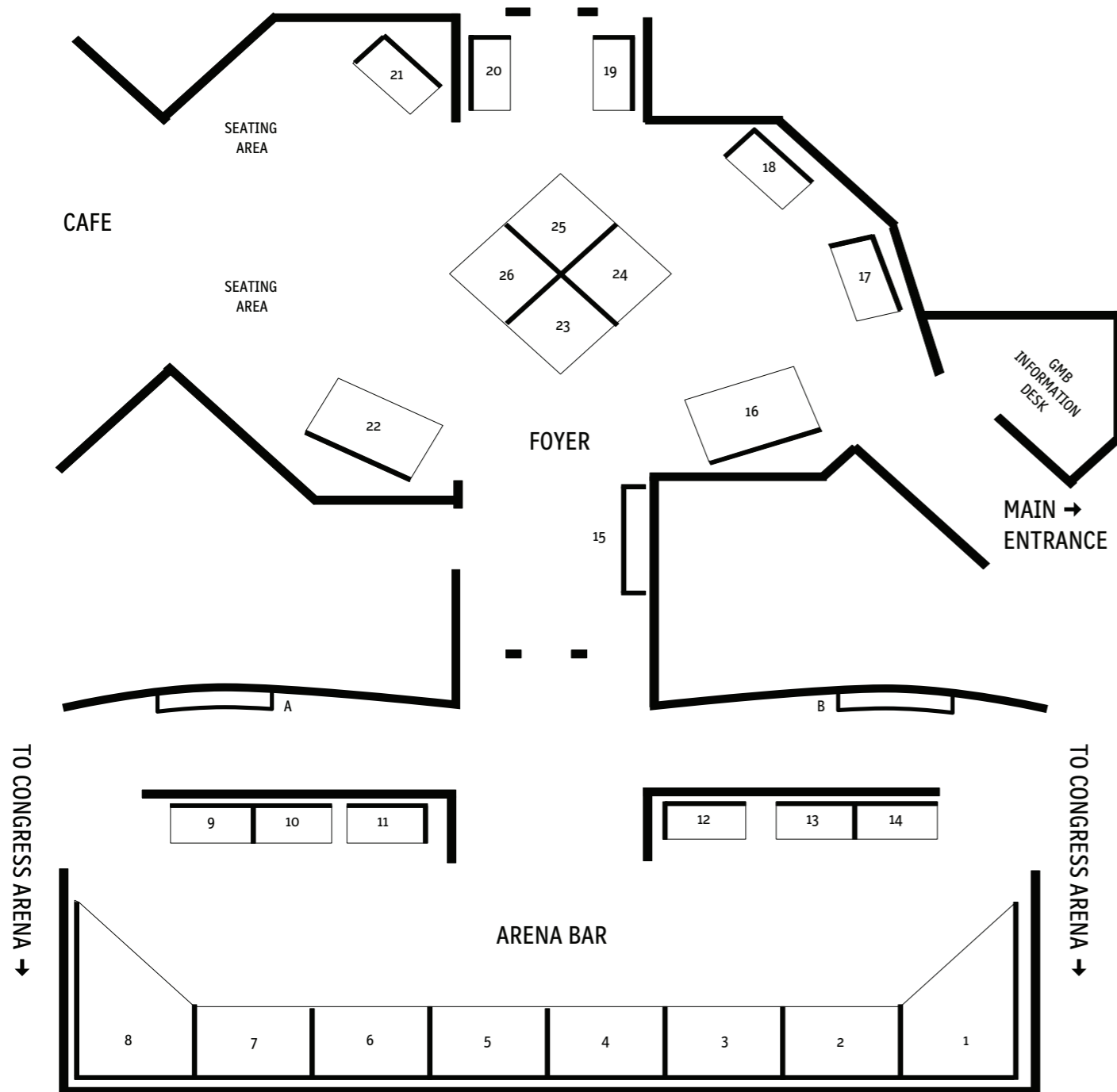
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Exhibition plan

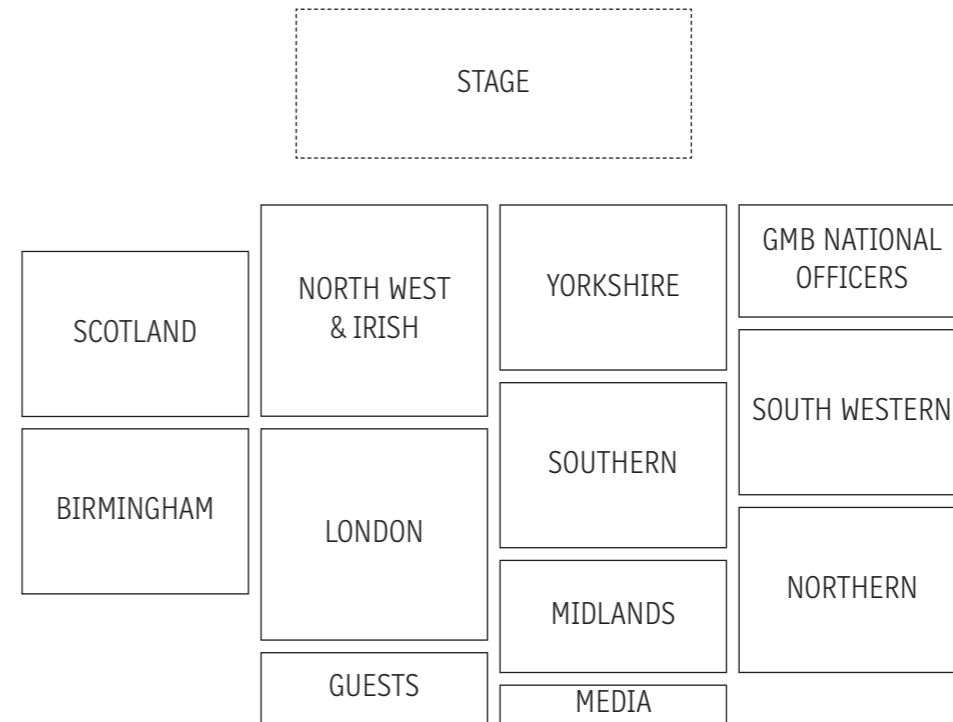
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Stand 9 **Amnesty International**

Trade Unions play a strong long-term role in defending and protecting human rights worldwide and the relationship between GMB members and Amnesty is strong and much valued. We are undergoing an exciting phase of development in Amnesty's trade union activism to defend workers rights to meet the challenges of globalisation and to build solidarity in order that all human beings, wherever they are, can secure their human rights. We look forward to building and deepening our relationship with GMB members in the year ahead.

Amnesty is a movement of ordinary people across the world standing up for humanity and human rights. Our purpose is to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied. Amnesty's effectiveness relies on the number of people we can convince to join us. We hope you will read about our work and choose to add your voice and your support to our calls for a fairer world.

BANK OF SCOTLAND Stand 7 **Bank of Scotland GMB Mastercard**

As you know, GMB is constantly negotiating a range of individual membership services of the highest quality. Bank of Scotland are proud providers of the GMB MasterCard and have been working with GMB to bring you great credit card offers to help you manage your finances.

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Stand 21 **Bookmarks the socialist bookshop**

Bookmarks is Britain's leading socialist bookshop, and the appointed bookseller to the TUC. Our huge range of books includes labour

history, trade union rights, general politics, women's liberation, fighting racism, and of course fiction and a great selection of children's books. We offer an alternative to the anti union multi nationals and can order any book in print. Open an account with us with a direct debit of £10 or more and you will receive 10% of all your books bought through us or receive free postage to anywhere in the UK.

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country and give discounts for trade union branches. Join our e-mailing list and receive regular news of new books and special offers or log on to www.bookmarks.uk.com to order securely online. Bookmarks bookshop, 1 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3QE 020 7637 1848 enquiries@bookmarks.uk.com



Stand 16 **Browell Smith & Co Solicitors**

Established in 1995 with the intention of serving the Trade Union movement and its members, as well as the general public both locally and nationally, Browell Smith & Co can give you professional, friendly and confidential

help and advice on any of the following legal services:

- Accident and Personal Injury
- Asbestos Related Diseases
- Occupational Diseases
- Clinical Negligence
- Employment Law
- Wills, Trusts and Probate
- Conveyancing and Remortgaging
- Family Law
- Welfare Benefits



Stand 12 **Cuba Solidarity Campaign**

Visit our stand to find out about the celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, and to learn how Cuba's unique achievements in healthcare are

being threatened by aggressive US policy and what you can do about it.

The Cuba Solidarity Campaign works in the UK to raise awareness of the illegal US economic blockade of Cuba and defends the Cuban people's right to self determination.

Today, 24 national trade unions and hundreds of branches are affiliated, and GMB is at the forefront of this movement.

CSC builds links between British trade unions and their sister unions in Cuba through trade union study tours to the island and by bringing Cuban unionists to the UK.

Come to our stand for information on membership, events, campaigns and tours or to buy from our range of t-shirts, Cuban music, books and magazines.



Stand 6 **EAD Solicitors LLP**

Working in partnership with GMB

EAD Solicitors is proud to provide legal services to GMB and its members in the North West, West Midlands and Wales.

EAD's relationship with the union's officers, representatives and members has been central to the success in settling personal injury/industrial disease cases and pursuing many claims to the Employment Tribunals.

Within the last year, EAD has secured an important victory at the Employment Appeal Tribunal for GMB involving TUPE rights, which will benefit all

workers and advice has been provided on important areas such as equal pay claims.

In a challenging and rapidly changing world, employees need ready access to expert legal advice. Employees deserve the best legal service and EAD Solicitors have the experience and expertise to provide this for you.

Come and visit us on Stand 6 Tel: 0151 735 1000 www.eadsolicitors.co.uk



Stand 25 **GMB Equalities**

On the Equality and Inclusion stand you will find a range of equality related publications, free bees and contacts.

You will find copies of the new GMB strategy for delivering equality in GMB and in the workplace, as well as information on the new equality structures, in particular the National

Equality Forum. You will see the Regional Secretaries pledge card and have an opportunity sign up to the GMB vision for equality.

In addition to the equality related information from the regions, there will be published information on the key equality related campaigns.

There will be material available from external legal and equality organisations including the Equality and Human Rights Commission.



Stand 24 **GMB Health, Safety & Environment**

Come and visit the GMB Health & Environment Department stall at Congress 2008 for up to date information on the current state of play regarding health and safety legislation.

Talk to us, yes now there are two of us – meet our newest department member Dan Shears. Dan will be principally responsible for the Manufacturing and Commercial Services Sections but has a wealth of experience across a wide range of health and safety areas.

Pick up and take away some of the departments literature including the new Safety Reps Handbook which will form a key part of the GMB@WORK Workplace Organisers Toolkit. Any ideas for new materials always welcome.

Examine the latest developments in GMB's strategy for "green collar" jobs and discuss the progress made since last years Congress report – "The Green Agenda and GMB: Climate Change, Global Warming, Sustainable Development".

Or perhaps you just want some information or where you might go for further information.

Whatever your health & safety needs visit the best informed stall at Congress.



Stand 26 **GMB Retired Members Association – The Golden Years**

Since 1985 the GMB Retired Members Association (RMA) has continued to grow.

Retired members and their partners are urged to maintain an active interest in the activities of the RMA. All but one GMB Branch are affiliated to the RMA.

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The four key objectives of the RMA Constitution are as follows:

- The GMB RMA aims to provide practical assistance in the recruitment, retention and organisational objectives of GMB wherever and whenever possible.
- The GMB RMA aims to campaign on behalf of retired members, and thus bring about dignity in retirement.
- The GMB RMA will work in partnership with like minded pensioner groups whenever it is possible to do so.
- The GMB RMA aims at all times to comply with the equal opportunity policies of GMB.

These aims and objectives are about furthering the interests and aspirations of retired members and their partners, building and maintaining the goals of our thousands of retired members, and developing a seamless link with working membership of GMB.

Britain has a growing and influential pensioner movement, which is campaigning to have freedom to live in dignity and not in fear of need. The GMB RMA is part of a wider pensioner movement and politically campaigns at all levels of Government, Europe and the UK.

You joined GMB to protect and advance your interest in work. The same criteria apply in retirement. If you are interested, or about to retire and would like to stay active and involved in GMB please contact your Regional Secretary or the appropriate RMA co-ordinator.



Stand 23 **GMB Shop**

There is a wide range of merchandise to buy at the GMB shop including t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo-shirts, ties, badges, lanyards, baseball caps, and mugs.



Stand 5 **GMB Southern Region working with Personal Taxation Services**

The Southern Region stretches from Kent to Lands End and takes in the South London Boroughs. It also includes the Channel Islands, the Scilly Isles and Brussels membership. The Southern Region has 76,000 members.

The Regional Office is situated in Chessington and there are nine other offices distributed around the Region.



Are You Due A Tax Refund?

Answer YES to any of the questions below and you could be!

In the last 6 years have you...

- Bought up a child as a single parent?
- Paid subscriptions to a professional organisation?

- Had to wash your own work uniform?
- Worked from home, some or all of the time?
- Looked after a grandchild on at least one day a week?
- Paid income tax direct from your wages or salary?

If you've answered YES to ANY of these questions, you should visit The Tax Refund Company at stand number 5 and see if you're due a tax refund.

Since we launched the service in January 2007, over £180,000 in tax refunds have been refunded to members in Southern Region.

The average refund is just over £237. What could you do with your refund?

Don't let the "The Revenue" keep your hard earned money.



Stand 13 **Justice for Colombia**

Colombia is the most dangerous country in the world for trade unionists. The Colombian Government uses violence and intimidation against union leaders and activists and in recent years over 1,000 trade unionists have been assassinated. Others have been

tortured, 'disappeared', imprisoned without trial or threatened and forced to leave their homes and jobs.

Justice for Colombia was established to draw attention to this situation and to provide support and solidarity to the Colombian unions in their struggle for survival. GMB supports our work and we hope that you will find time to visit our stand to find out more about what we do and how you can help.

The Colombian unions have made it clear that without international solidarity they would find it difficult to survive. Only when the international community speak out against the attacks will the Colombian regime begin respecting the rights of working men and women and the organisations that represent them.



Stand 17 **Kerry London Ltd**

Kerry London Ltd are a large independent insurance brokers who are working in conjunction with the GMB Union to devise a specialist scheme exclusively for its members and their families, to cover Personal Accident & Sickness.

The scheme is designed to continue paying employees, who are off work through sickness or injury, where the employer would not. There are three levels of cover: £100, £200 and £300 a week. Cover can be purchased at a very reasonable cost.

We would be delighted to discuss the cover further when you come and see us on Stand 17 in the Main Foyer.

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Stand 15 **LV = Liverpool Victoria**

LV= are delighted to continue as the GMB main sponsor, providing the free Tea, Coffee and water at the conference. LV= welcomes delegates to this year's Congress and looks forward to discussing the benefits available to GMB members, ranging from Home and Motor Insurance, to the no obligation Financial Advice Service.

Please visit LV= on stand 15 where they will be pleased to provide further information.

Stand 11 **Marx Memorial Library**

Please visit our stand in the Arena Bar for original art posters, t-shirts etc.



Stand 10 **Palestine Solidarity Campaign**

Palestine Solidarity Campaign calls for justice for all Palestinians—an end to Israel's illegal occupation, self-determination and dismantling the Wall. Eighteen major unions, representing 80% of trade unionists in Britain, are already affiliated to PSC. Come to our conference fringe meeting on Monday 9th June at 12.30pm in the Green Room to hear Palestinian and UK trade union speakers. You will get a first hand account of the experiences of the trade union delegation which visited Palestine this January. Delegates and visitors are also invited to come to our stall throughout the conference to learn more about our activities.



Stand 1 **Pellacraft Limited—promoting GMB**

Pellacraft has been established for over 20 years and over this time, has become one of the leading suppliers in the quality Business Gifts and Corporate Promotional Merchandise sector. Our aim is to provide your organisation with the material to help promote GMB throughout industries all over the UK.

We offer a wide variety of products and have put together a brochure showcasing our most popular ranges. These items can be used during recruitment drives, updating current members or simply to help raise awareness of your business. The effective use of promotional merchandise will leave members with a positive image of you and your Union and as a promotional and advertising vehicle this route can prove to be very cost effective.

For more help and ideas, please call Sam on 01623 636602 to discuss your requirements. Pellacraft will be happy to produce ideas, quotations and any samples required in order to enable you to plan your promotion efficiently.

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Stand 8 **PFP/GMB Financial Services**

GMB Household Insurance

GMB Financial Services along with our chosen partners Legal and General provide GMB members with an exclusive household insurance plan

For further details and a quote please call 0800 316 4687

GMB Financial Services

It is recognised that good Financial Advice is a vital service for GMB members.

GMB Financial Services, as a trading style of Premier Financial Protection Ltd, was established in 2000 to provide members of GMB with Independent Financial Advice.

Over the last 7 years Premier Financial Protection Ltd has grown to become one of the top 70 IFA's in the UK, with many GMB members benefiting from the service which we provide.

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Stand 3 **Simpsons Solicitors**

Simpsons Solicitors are proud to be associated with the GMB Trade Union. We currently act for the North West Region in relation to personal injury claims and employment matters.

We are a practice employing lawyers who have many years experience in dealing with claims for trade union members and their families.

The principle of our practice is that we are supportive of the Trade Union movement and our staff are all members of the GMB Trade Union. We can assure members that we have the interest of not only their individual claim at heart, but the interest of the GMB Trade Union.

We are involved in assisting the Region's education officer in training new shop stewards in health and safety matters.

Please feel free to come to our stall to discuss any legal matters.

Simpsons Solicitors can be contacted on Tel 0161 485 6030 Fax 0161 485 6040.

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Stand 18 **Target BNP/TUFS**

Target BNP is a GMB anti fascist campaign that highlights the dangers of the BNP and other fascist and racist organisations.

Recently GMB worked with its Workplace Organisers, Branch and Regional Officers to make sure that the influence of the BNP in our workplaces and amongst working people are eliminated and that the BNP message of division and hate is defeated.

GMB campaigns have included the Hope not Hate 2008 Celebrating Modern Britain Campaign and assisting, wherever possible in joining up with Trade Unions and communities in making sure that the BNP doesn't succeed in getting its candidates elected into the London Assembly and other regional Councils.

GMB also supported a concert organised by Hope not Hate marking the 30th anniversary of the Rock against Racism Carnival as well as distributing thousands of anti BNP campaign leaflets nationwide.

Please visit our exhibition stand and meet up with Searchlight.

TRADE UNION FRIENDS of ISRAEL

Stand 19 **Trade Union Friends of Israel**

Trade Union Friends of Israel (TUPI) is an organization that works to strengthen the links between the Histadrut (the Israeli TUC), the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU) and the British Trade Union Movement.

TUPI aims:

- to promote efforts towards finding a just and lasting peace settlement for both Israelis and Palestinians.
- to initiate dialogue by taking British delegations to meet with both Israeli and Palestinian trade unionists.
- to build support for the Peace Process in the UK by providing meetings and briefings for British Trade Unionists.

To learn more about TUFI's activities, please go to our website www.tufi.org.uk or e-mail info@tufi.org.uk



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Stand 4 **The Training and Development Agency for Schools**

TDA, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SZ
Tel: 020 7023 8001
remodellinginfo@tda.gov.uk www.tda.gov.uk

TDA works with schools to develop an effective school workforce that raises educational standards and provides children and young people with opportunities to achieve their potential.

The TDA continues to promote teaching and to ensure that the quality of initial teacher training remains high. However, we now have a broader role, providing schools and all staff with information, guidance and support on deployment, training and development.

TDA also helps schools manage change by providing tools, techniques and

JUSTICE FOR ASBESTOS FAMILIES

Thompsons Solicitors is campaigning for justice for families affected by asbestos related illnesses across the UK



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www.thompsons.law.co.uk

or visit the Thompsons stand



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insight to help them remodel the way they work.

TDA works closely with and through a number of partners including the Workforce Agreement Monitoring Group (WAMG) and local authorities (LAs).



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Stand 22 **Thompsons Solicitors**

Thompsons is the most experienced trade union law firm in the UK. We are proud to fight for the rights of working people and their families—the people who need us most.

With over 400 lawyers in 23 offices across the UK, we have expertise in every aspect of trade union legal work; from winning compensation for those who suffer injury and enforcing trade union rights; to moving house or making a will.

We have provided the very best legal advice and representation to union members and their families for over 87 years.

Parliament recently recognised Thompsons Solicitors as the law firm securing the highest average damages for union members in industrial injury cases.

Today, 33 unions offer our legal services to their members for free.



TU Fund Managers

Stand 2 **TU Fund Managers Ltd**

Here at TU Fund Managers Ltd we have always known that profits and principles can go hand in hand.

Established by the trade union movement back in 1961 we are wholly owned by the T.U.U.T Charitable Trust, which means that profits earned by the management company (not those generated by the unit trusts themselves—which rightly go to our investors), are donated to a portfolio of registered charities.

One such beneficiary is the ADUR Special Needs Project, which offers out-of-school respite and recreational activities for young people aged 5-18 years old, who have special needs and learning difficulties. Our charity has pledged support over 4 years which means that it can now extend the recreational activities during half term and Easter as well as an extra week during the summer holidays.

Our support also means access to free places for parents/carers on low incomes.

And 47 years later, our approach still fits well with the philosophy and culture of the trade union movement.

So isn't it time you had another think about principles and profits?

After all you can have both.

For further information please visit stand number 2 and speak to Marion Colverd.



Stand 14 **Venezuela Information Centre (VIC)**

The inspiring social changes in Venezuela led by the government of Hugo Chavez have caused great interest in Venezuela. Since 1998, Venezuela has seen illiteracy eliminated, millions of new people brought into pensions and social security systems, labour and trade union rights extended, women given constitutional equality for the first time, and free healthcare introduced for seventeen million people.

VIC is a broad-based campaign in solidarity with Venezuela. 13 national unions, including GMB, are affiliated. Our patrons include Tony Benn, Diane Abbott MP, Harold Pinter and Rodney Bickerstaffe, and our President is Ken Livingstone.

Come to our stall to find out more about Venezuela, take advantage of our special membership offer where you can get a free DVD and t-shirt, and browse our wide range of t-shirts, DVDs, mugs, videos and literature.

www.vicuk.org 0207 2500132 E-mail: info@vicuk.org

PO Box 56210, London, N4 4XH.



FIGHTING GLOBAL POVERTY

Stand 20 **War on Want**

War on Want fights poverty in developing countries in partnership and solidarity with people affected by globalisation. We campaign for workers' rights and against the root causes of global poverty, inequality and injustice.

War on Want knows that poverty is political. The decisions of politicians can mean life or death for people in developing countries. We work with some of the bravest and most inspiring groups in the world. In rural communities, factories and sweatshops, in conflict zones and on the margins of society, we work with people fighting for real, lasting change.

We also challenge the structures that keep poor people poor. From trade rules rigged in favour of rich countries and their multinational companies to poverty in Palestine, War on Want campaigns in the UK and internationally to deliver real lasting change for the world's poorest people.

Come along to our fringe "Workers' Rights on the Shelf" on Wednesday lunchtime.

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Section Conferences

COMMERCIAL SERVICES SECTION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 10th June 2008

09.30 Conference opens—welcome and opening remarks

Speaker Paul Kenny, General Secretary

Motions ASDA

CS1 ASDA/Walmart

CS2 Full Rights of Recognition and Negotiating within ASDA for GMB

CS3 ASDA—Terms and Conditions

CS4 Absence Policy

CS5 Bullying & Harassment

Election of Section President

10.45 Tea/coffee

11.00 Commercial Services Section National Officials' report back

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Speaker Alan Johnson, Head Of BGS People Academy

Motions Energy

CS6 Balanced Energy Policy

CS7 Energy Crisis

Speaker Adrian Bull, Westinghouse

15.00 Tea/coffee

15.15 Speaker Jude Brimble, National Officer

Motions Security

CS9 Cash Vehicles in Transit/Parking

CS10 Violent Attacks on CVIT Staff

CS12 G4S Holiday Pay

CS13 Contract Security

CS14 Security Industry—Regulation

CS15 Door Supervisors

Speaker Tom Jones, Thompsons Solicitors

Conference adjourns

Wednesday, 11th June 2008

09.30 Conference resumes

Banner theatre presentation

Speaker Joanna Lucyszyn, GMB Southern Region

Speaker Kamaljeet Jandu, GMB National Equality & Inclusion Officer

11.00 Tea/coffee

11.15 Motions Health & Safety

Cs11 Health & Safety

Cs18 Fair Play—No to Bullying

Speaker Dan Shears—GMB Research & Policy Officer, Health & Safety Department

Motions Cs16 GMB Communication

Cs17 Profiteering

Speaker National Organising Department

12.30 Conference closes

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Manufacturing Section Conference

Tuesday, 10th June 2008

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.30 Welcome and announcements
Appointment of tellers
Speaker: Rob Johnston—IMF Director
MF17—The power industry
MF13—Skill shortage
Speaker: Arthur Scargill—Honorary President of the NUM
- 10.45 Tea/coffee break
- 11.00 MF1—Manufacturing Strategy
MF2—Manufacturing decline in the UK
MF3—Manufacturing
MF4—Investment in research and development
MF5—UK manufacturing procurement
MF22—Sickness Pay
Speaker: Paul Kenny—GMB General Secretary
MF7—Aircraft carriers
MF8—Aircraft carriers
Speaker: Dan Shears—GMB Research & Policy Officer Health & Safety
Announcements
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00 **Speaker: Tim Page**—TUC Senior Policy Officer
MF14—Skills shortage
MF15—Apprentices
MF16—Manufacturing training strategy
Presentation of Alf Tomkins Award
Speaker: Charlie King—GMB Research & Policy Officer
Speaker: Naomi Cooke—GMB National Pensions Officer
- 3.30 Tea/coffee break
- 3.45 MF23—Suing in the American Courts
MF19—35 hour fund
MF21—35 hour week
National Secretary's Report: Keith Hazlewood
Speaker: Kathleen Walker Shaw—GMB European Officer
Presentation of Denny Hurst Award
Speaker: Kamaljeet Jandu—GMB National Equality & Inclusion Officer
MF18—Scotch whiskey bottled in Scotland our heritage
MF20—Shop stewards
Announcements
- 5.15 Conference adjourns

Wednesday, 11th June 2008

- 9.30 Announcements
Election results for Section President/Vice President
Speaker: Mary Turner—GMB President
Speaker: Bob Ramsay—BWI Director
National Officer's Report: Allan Black
Presentation of Jim Kooyman Award 2008
Re-presentation of Jim Kooyman Award 2006
- 10.45 Tea/coffee break
- 11.00 **Remploy Debate**
MF6—Public procurement
MF9—Remploy
MF10—Remploy closures
MF11—Sack the Remploy Board and Secretary of State
MF12—Remploy Accord
National Secretary's Report: Phil Davies, Head of Manufacturing Section
Presentation of Ben Rubner Award
Speaker: John McDonnell MP
Vote of thanks
- 12.30 Conferences Closes

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PUBLIC SERVICES SECTION CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 10th June 2008

- 9.00 Opening of Conference and welcome address by GMB President, Mary Turner
National Secretary's Report
- 9.30–10.30 Speaker : Jim Knight MP, Minister of State for Schools at Department for Children, Schools and Families
Conference Motions in order
- 11.00–11.20 Speaker : Kamaljeet Jandu, GMB National Equality and Inclusion Officer
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00 Conference reconvenes
Conference motions in order
- 4.15–5.00 Speaker : Paul Kenny, GMB General Secretary
- 5.00 Close

Wednesday, 10th June 2008

- 9.30 Conference reconvenes
- 9.30–9.50 National Officer Report : Sharon Holder
Conference Motions in order
- 10.30–10.45 National Officer Report : Rehana Azam
Conference Motions in order
- 11.45–12.15 Speaker : GMB National Organising Department, Avril Chambers and Paul Clarke
- 12.15 Election for Section President
- 12.20–12.30 Closing Report : Brian Strutton, National Secretary
- 12.30 Conference closes