



Bakerloo news



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All out on 21 June!

- 6 June station strike shuts down the Tube
- All functions, all grades to strike together on 21 June
- Historic coordination with national rail strike
- Stand firm to defend jobs, pensions, and conditions



Our strike on 6 June shut down the Tube. Station staff once again showed the power they have.

Some trains did run, but as minimal shuttle services and often non-stopping at most stations. Bakerloo trains ran empty and non-stopping along most of the line, and the service was wound down early.

Our branch organised picketing at Oxford Circus, where we hosted guests from the RMT NEC as well as our Regional Organiser and incoming Assistant General

Secretary John Leach. In an admirable display of solidarity, a group of escalator engineers arriving at the station to work refused to cross our picket line.

The union has now called a further strike, for 21 June. This action will involve all grades in all functions, similar to our 1/3 March strikes. And, in a historic move, the strike will be coordinated with action on the mainline railway.

RMT is in dispute with Network Rail and mainline Train Operating Companies over pay, jobs, and conditions, and has called strikes for 21, 23, and 25 June. The coordinated strike on 21 June will see around 50,000 rail workers on strike, representing well over 50% of the RMT's national membership.

We are leading the fightback against the dogma of the Tories and the bosses that workers must pay for economic crisis with cuts to jobs and conditions.

See you on the picket lines!

Vote yes/yes by 23 June

RMT is re-balloting our entire LU membership, to renew the mandate in the jobs, pensions, and conditions dispute.

We're obliged to do this by anti-union laws, which stipulate that a ballot mandate expires after six months.

If we don't renew the mandate, we can't take further action, making it almost impossible to force concessions from the bosses.

So vote yes/yes for strikes and action-short-of-strikes. Return your ballot by 23 June.

If you haven't received a ballot paper, speak to a rep or email info@rmt.org.uk immediately.

Bakerloo News is a monthly newsletter from the Bakerloo branch of the RMT union. To submit a story for *Bakerloo News*, or to contact the branch, please email jimmcdaid36@gmail.com, or ring Branch Secretary Jim McDaid on 07917 131692

Our demands

RMT has three clear demands in the dispute:

- No job cuts
- No detrimental changes to terms and conditions
- No detrimental changes to our pension arrangements.

LU claims the 600 job cuts it's currently planning on stations aren't really job cuts, because they'll be achieved by deleting vacancies rather than sacking existing workers.

But a job cut by deleting a vacancy is still a job cut. When there's an unfilled vacancy, other workers have to pick up the slack, increasing workload and fatigue. Deleting the vacancy makes that situation permanent. It also deprives a future worker of a secure, relatively well-paid job.

On pensions, we have forced the company back somewhat, as it has not progressed plans for reform. But the threat has not been lifted. As the funding bailout from the government expires on 24 June, TfL could be instructed to accelerate pension reform by the Department for Transport.

Until we get a concrete guarantee our pensions won't be touched, the dispute must go on.

On conditions, LU continues to spread the lie that no conditions are being altered. But our members in Revenue and SRT are having new frameworks imposed them, and LU has told unions that frameworks in every function are under review.

We're right to strike now, before cuts are actually made and before attacks spread. All grades need to unite and strike on 21 June, and beyond, to push back the threat.

RMT plans to renew fight for cleaners' conditions

TfL has taken the disgraceful decision to renew ABM's cleaning contract, rather than bringing cleaning in house.

In response, RMT will be renewing its campaign for cleaners' conditions. The London Transport Regional Council recently passed a motion to kick off a renewed campaign, with plans for an organising meeting at Unity House on 20 June. RMT Bakerloo branch is also sending

an emergency motion to RMT AGM to step up our political campaigning, putting pressure on the Labour administration in City Hall.

With RMT cleaners on various mainline TOCs striking to demand £15/hour, sick pay, and travel passes, it's high time ABM cleaners joined them.

If you're not already an RMT member, you can join online at rmt.org.uk/join.

RMT drivers vote for further action in Night Tube fight

RMT drivers have voted by an 88% majority, on a 64% turnout, to continue industrial action in the fight to push back enforced night working.

Bakerloo News sends our solidarity to drivers on the Victoria, Central, and Jubilee lines as they continue strikes.

RIP Joe Kirby

Bakerloo News sends solidarity and condolences to the family and friends of Joe Kirby, RMT NEC rep for the union's offshore sector, who sadly died, aged just 39, on 7 June.

Joe attended our branch as a guest many times, and will be much missed.

What have we achieved so far?

- Three days of rock-solid strikes, reminding the bosses that it's our labour that runs the railway.
- Forcing the company to slow down its pension reform plans: the review was supposed to recommend an option for reform, and provide an implementation plan, but backed away from that brief following our March strikes.
- Mayor Khan on the ropes: a rattled mayor fabricated claims that RMT had refused talks with him. In fact, RMT has explicitly called for direct negotiations with the mayor. His claims suggest he is, in fact, willing to talk.

MARCH ON 18 JUNE



Join RMT's contingent on demonstration called by the Trades Union Congress.

We'll be highlighting issues including the Tories' threat to impose new anti-union laws. Join us! The march assembles at 10:30, Portland Place, W1A 1AA.

Picket Lines for 21 June (all from 05:00)



Queen's Park Train Depot



Oxford Circus Station



Elephant and Castle Train Depot

RMT Bakerloo meets on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of every month, 16:00, at the Fountains Abbey, Praed Street, W2 1RL.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

A Zoom option is available: speak to a rep for details.