RMT CENTRAL LINE EAST BRANCH NEWS JANUARY 2015



VICKY HAYWARD REINSTATED

We are delighted to report that Vicky Hayward is to be reinstated to her job as London Underground CSA. LUL sacked Vicky last year using CCTV "evidence" that was not available to Vicky or her rep, but following a meeting between the union's General Secretary and LUL's Managing Director, Regional Organiser John Leach advised that the company had agreed to overturn this decision. We are pleased that LUL has allowed fairness to prevail.





LOCAL LABOUR MPs CAMPAIGN AGAINST TICKET OFFICE CLOSURES

On January 12th, JOHN CRYER, local Labour MP for Leyton and Wanstead, joined activists from RMT Central Line East and Hands Off London Transport to leaflet and petition passengers at Leytonstone station against ticket office closures and staffing cuts. London Underground wants to close every ticket office on the Tube and cut nearly 1,000 jobs; united action by workers and communities can stop them!

A few days earlier (8th Jan) a similar Hands Off London Transport action took place at Shepherd's Bush Station Tube station in conjunction with RMT Central Line West branch and members of other unions. Protestors were joined by local Labour MP Andy Slaughter, local Labour GLA member Murad Qureshi, and RMT Executive member for the London Transport Region John Reid.

Hundreds of leaflets were distributed and signatures collected, with campaigners encountering strong local opposition to the closure and cuts.

A Hands Off London Transport Activist said: "Building a public, political campaign against ticket office closures and staffing cuts can heap pressure on Boris and the GLA, and local MPs and Prospective Parliamentary Candidates, in the run up to the election.

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NEXT BRANCH MEETING THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 1700-1915pm

Informal Hour at 1600 - meet reps and members, ask questions and chat about issues before the formal business starts.

Leytonstone & District Ex-Servicemens Club 2 Harvey Road, London E11 3DB

Whatever your grade or work location, we really look forward to seeing you at our next RMT branch meeting.

Branch Officers

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Jason Moriarty



ALEX McGUIGAN BALLOT

Brother Alex McGuigan was unfairly sacked following a flawed alcohol test. We are fighting for his reinstatement.

Alex, a Northern Line driver at the Mordern depot with 29 years' service, was unjustly sacked by London Underground after he failed a breathalyser test which failed to take his Type-2 diabetes (which can trigger false positives) into account. The company failed to test his urine sample for alcohol, testing it only for drugs, then destroying it.

RMT drivers will soon receive ballot papers for further industrial action

VOTE YES TO GET ALEX REINSTATED

