



London Calling

The Newsletter of the London transport Regional Council

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News & Views from RMT's London Transport Regional Council Jan (2) 2014

EVERY JOB MATTERS ALL OUT ON 4/5 & 11/12 FEB

Despite the concerted efforts of TfL bosses to persuade members to vote against strike action our members voted overwhelmingly to take action to defend our jobs and services.

77% voted in favour of strike action. That's 31% of those balloted, a greater percentage of the electorate than voted either for Boris or Cameron. It is a resounding mandate.

We can win this dispute if we stand firm. We will be further strengthened when TSSA get a yes vote in their ballot, which is now underway.

We demand the withdrawal of LU's Fit for the Future proposals. It is totally unjustified to force job cuts, pay cuts and worse working conditions onto tube workers just so that the government can cut the tube's grant and hand more of the public's money over to bankers in the City.

We urge members not just to strike but to form picket lines outside of stations when you are called out on strike at 12 noon. All grades have been instructed to strike because these cuts will affect all grades. The measures announced so far will make up only 6.2% of the total cuts that LU is seeking to make. If we allow the bosses to give us a kicking now they will come back again for more cuts and for our pensions.

We will be picketing depots to convince Aslef members not to cross picket lines. Contracts and conditions of service have been ripped up on the stations and this will be repeated on trainside if we do not stop LU now. UNITY IS STRENGTH EVERY MEMBER OF RMT MUST STAND UNITED SHOULDERS TO SHOULDERS UNTIL WE ACHIEVE VICTORY.

John Reid, LTRC Secretary.

We Can Win this Dispute

Ever since the launch of 'Every Journey Matters' and the leaked LU reports RMT has warned that the company is trying to present their plans as inevitable. They are not.

If LU thought they could introduce these changes without a problem they would have done it years ago.

It is true that we will have to fight harder than most of us have known before in order to stop LU's plans but it can be done.

Extended periods of strike action, starting with the two 48hr strikes over two weeks in February will create massive pressure of LU and TfL from businesses in London. We have to be prepared to escalate our action if the company does not see sense.

LU/TfL could void these cuts easily with just a small

Do Not Familiarise Ambassadors (ICSAs) or Incident Station Supervisors

Remember that RMT has official industrial action (short of strike) on and no RMT member should be familiarising anyone who is not permanent staff who would normally work at the location concerned.

You cannot be disciplined for refusing to familiarise an Ambassador, ICSA or ISS as part of official industrial action.

LU is now pushing ahead with familiarisations to try and break forthcoming strikes. Do not help them to undermine your job and conditions.

amount of money restored to our government grant. LU claims that £12bn has already been saved from a target of £16bn. This has been done by delaying capital spending on new stock, signalling and other infrastructure. The £4.2bn left to cut on LU is to be achieved by 2021. That's just over half a billion a year. That might sound a lot but a

See over



report in the Metro recently estimated that the government is subsidising the profits of Britain's four banks by £37bn a year!

The PCS union, which represents workers in the Inland Revenue calculated that over £120bn in tax goes uncollected every year. The fact is that the government could easily restore the funding of LU and remove the need for cuts.

The only thing that is inevitable in this dispute is that we will face further job cuts and attacks on pay on pensions if LU thinks we are not prepared to fight. Every member owes it their to their workmates and to themselves to stop these cuts now.

Who Says Strikes are Unpopular?

All hail Bob Crow and his innovative economic policies

From The Observer Newspaper. Sunday 12 Jan 2014

Bob Crow was back on the public enemy list last week after his RMT trade union



announced two 48-hour tube strikes in February. For those commuters bemoaning the looming disruption to their working day, it is worth noting that Crow helps the British economy in his own way.

One consequence of the RMT's industrial muscle is that rail, bus and tube workers consistently achieve above-inflation pay settlements. Given the iniquitous consequences of wage stagnation since the 1990s – a glut of cheap credit that culminated in the banking crisis – it could be argued that Crow is addressing the signature economic issue of our time with a success that has escaped multiple governments on both sides of the Atlantic.

No one, the Conservatives and the CBI included, disagrees with the aspiration of better pay and a higher standard of living for all. And at the expense of the occasional difficult journey to work, Crow achieves it.

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Hands off London transport is bringing together trade union, political and community organisations in opposition to LU's Fit for the Future cuts.

Look out on the London Calling website for details of events.

Make sure that you also have RMT's 'Advice to Passengers to distribute to passengers.

Advice to passengers using the future London Underground

Please ensure that you are thoroughly familiar with London Underground's 11 lines and 270 stations before travelling. Please ensure that you have a smartcard and a bank card, and that both are loaded with plenty of money and topped up regularly. Please ensure that the ticket machines are always working, and that the gates always deduct the correct amount from your card.

Please ensure that there are no delays to your journey, or any accidents, emergencies, incidents or evacuations. Please do not be alarmed if there are no staff on the station and no one driving your train.

Please do not be disabled. Or poor. Or new to London. Please avoid being too young or too old. Please do not be harassed or assaulted while travelling. Please do not lose your property or your children. Please do not require assistance.

Please understand that if you do not follow this advice, we may be unable to help you. Tough.

Alternatively, join the campaign to save London Underground's ticket offices, station staffing and jobs.

www.rmtlondoncalling.org.uk/every-job-matters



Sacked for being a RMT trade union rep and organiser!

3 years of organising and defending members at Sodexho:
Winning RMT recognition at the company
Reward; summary dismissal
A clear case of dismissal for trade union activities
This union busting company does not deserve your custom

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I am not eating here- will you join my boycott?

You may want to think about where you eat and give your hard earned money to

This company have sacked a well-known RMT activist for nothing more than defending his members

You are invited to leave comments for Sodexho management on why you have declined to eat at their restaurants.

You are invited to support the boycott

There is an Alternative

RMT has put forward a coherent alternative to LU's Fit for the Future cuts.

- ★ Go back to the Mayor and Central government and demand that LU's grant is restored to avoid all cuts.
- ★ Bring all regular work back in-house including maintenance, cleaning and other functions. This would save millions.
- ★ Cap senior management pay at £100K saving at least £15 a year.