



London Calling

News and views from RMT's London Transport Regional Council

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RMT supports G20 protests

- London Transport staff are on your side.
- A fight for public transport is a fight against climate change.
- Support our fight for jobs, pay and justice.

We are on your side!

On Saturday, RMT marched with the 'Put People First' demonstration. We joined in with the message that the capitalist economic system is causing poverty, inequality, and environmental catastrophe.

RMT and climate change

We support 'climate camp' and others protesting about environmental destruction, and oppose the expansion of Heathrow airport. Affordable public transport should be expanded and can help combat climate change. Instead, Transport for London and London Underground are now cutting jobs, which will affect services.



Support our campaign!

Right now we are balloting for industrial action.

We have put in for a pay rise. And our employers have offered us a pay cut. London Underground and TfL are also planning thousands of job cuts. It is not our fault that the banks and shares have gone the way they have. We have done nothing wrong. We are still entitled to a wage we can live on.

We are asking for a decent pay rise, job security and an end to the management bullying of staff. We are defying the myth that we must pay for the crisis in the capitalist system through pay and job cuts.

If it comes to us taking action, we are prepared to shut London down. We want to remind the City of London of the working-class people who have been left out of the bailouts. We will show that people who are suffering price rises, evictions, job losses and pay cuts do not have to sit silent. We hope workers in other industries will follow our example.

Our message is the same as yours. We support you. If we go on strike, please support our picket lines and demonstrations.

Climate Camp Supports RMT's Campaign

"Climate Camp London sends its solidarity and a message of support to workers on London Underground and Transport for London currently being balloted for strike action in response to massive proposed job cuts, the tabled offer from management of a five year pay freeze and the news that two cleaning contractors have reneged on their promise to start paying the London living wage of £7.45 an hour.

"We welcome this stand by workers against yet another attempt by the bosses to make us suffer as a result of their mess. At a time when we are mobilising against the G20 summit where world leaders will meet and draw up plans for saving their bankrupt system of exploitation and devastation. We see the kind of attack facing transport workers as rooted in the same rationale that drives environmental damage; the logic that bosses' profit at all costs, whether at the expense of people or at the expense of the environment, should be the basis of our society.

"An efficient, safe, reliable system of public transport under control of the people who use it and work on it is a vital tool in combating climate change. If we are to achieve this, making a stand to defend the people who could really run such a system is essential.

"We have a common enemy: the politicians and bosses who would just as happily slash our wages, squeeze every bit of work out of us or dump us into unemployment as they would wreck our planet for the sake of preserving their power and wealth.

"We won't pay for their crisis!"

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