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Welcome to GMB Congress 2026.

We are delighted to be back in Blackpool for the first time since 2009. Congress was scheduled to be held here in 2021, but the Covid pandemic prevented us from getting together. It is great that we are once again able to come to this historic venue and join with each other in our GMB family.

This will be a week that is about people. Old friendships will be strengthened. New ones made. Comrades from across the union will reconnect with GMB sisters and brothers to hear of experiences, struggles, and successes in the fight to make work better. For those coming for the first time, we wish you the very best for an enjoyable and rewarding Congress. You will meet amazing colleagues, find out about extraordinary things, and form bonds that will endure.

Attending Congress are people who do so much for our union. Every day, in workplaces across the UK and Ireland, GMB is making a big difference. We are an active presence, listening to our members and turning hopes into campaigns. On behalf of everyone in our union – thank you for all you are doing.

We continue to grow, with our membership again increasing over the last year. This success story is hugely important. It increases our power for the crucial fights that matter and keeps us in good financial health. In difficult times, where change is happening at an ever increasing speed, such strength and stability is not just welcome, but essential. We can be ready for whatever lies ahead.

As we reflect on all that is taking place in our great union today and debate how we face the future, we will keep our focus on the people who put us here – GMB members. Whatever decisions are made, it our members who are our priority. They guide what we do and why we do it.

Let's make it another great GMB Congress. Let's keep moving forward.

GENERAL INFORMATION



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Wales & South West Region.

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Humber Region **will count**
London Region.

North West & Irish Region
will count Midlands Region.

GMB Scotland **will count**
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AT A GLANCE

YOUR SUNDAY LUNCHTIME FRINGES

12:45 – 13:45

Refreshments are available at all of today's fringes

Horseshoe Pavilion

How Saving Members Money Can Boost GMB's Engagement

GMB Protect (UIB)

Gallery Room

Employment Rights Act 2025

UnionLine

Circle Level Room 1

Hillsborough Law Update

GMB North West & Irish Region

Circle Level Room 2

GMB Financial Statements

GMB Union Finance Department

Circle Level Room 4

Ukraine at War: Eyewitness Reports and the Need for Continued Solidarity

Ukraine Solidarity Campaign & GMB Midlands

How Saving Members Money Can Boost GMB's Engagement

GMB Protect (UIB)

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Horseshoe Pavilion

A discussion on the impact of the cost of living on GMB members and how GMB can support them with membership benefits that, in turn, boost stronger member engagement.

CHAIR: **Mark Humphrys**
Marketing Director, GMB Protect

SPEAKERS: **Ali Aspden**
Head of Partnerships, GMB Protect

Chelsey Reilly
Senior Partnerships Executive, GMB Protect

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Employment Rights Act 2025

UnionLine

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Gallery Room

On the 18 December 2025 the Employment Rights Act became law. The rights under the Act introduces significant changes to existing legislation that aim to improve employment conditions as part of the government's strategy to enhance job security and wages.

Most of the changes have not yet happened but will take place in 2026 and 2027. These changes impact our members and their employers but what do we know about them?

The Act is detailed and vast and covers rights relating to:

- Zero-hour workers
- Flexible working
- Statutory sick pay
- Dismissal
- Pay and conditions
- Trade Unions and Industrial Action... to name but a few

This session will look at the high-level changes coming into force that will impact members and their rights as well as Trade Unions.

CHAIR: **Matthew Cordall**
Head of Legal Practice, UnionLine

SPEAKERS: **Maddalena Proctor**
Head of Private Client, UnionLine

Hannah Riley
Employment Law Specialist, UnionLine

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Hillsborough Law Update

GMB North West & Irish Region

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 1

Campaigners from Hillsborough Law Now will provide the latest update on their fight for a legal duty of candour and greater accountability in public bodies.

Hear directly from those leading the campaign about recent progress, ongoing challenges, and why the Hillsborough Law remains a vital issue for justice, transparency, and bereaved families across the UK.

CHAIR: **Paul Richards**
K28 Branch Secretary, GMB North West & Irish Region

SPEAKERS: **Margaret Aspinall**
Hillsborough Law Now Campaigner

Sue Roberts
Hillsborough Law Now Campaigner

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GMB Financial Statements

GMB Finance Department

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 2

Join us for a presentation and a question-and-answer session on GMB's 2025 Financial Statements.

SPEAKERS: **Alison Turtle**
GMB Head of Finance

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Ukraine at War: Eyewitness Reports and the Need for Continued Solidarity

Ukraine Solidarity Campaign & GMB Midlands

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 4

The war in Ukraine continues with daily missile and drone attacks, widespread destruction, and thousands more people driven from their homes, adding to the millions already displaced.

Hear first-hand reports from the warzone on the situation facing Ukrainian workers, trade unions and communities.

There will be updates on new aid appeals and recent GMB-supported aid missions to frontline regions.

All delegates, visitors and observers are warmly invited to attend.

Lunch and refreshments will be available.

CHAIR: **Barbara Plant**
GMB National President

SPEAKERS: **Natalie Kopytko**
Chair of Ukraine Solidarity Campaign

Albert Salimov
Humanitarian volunteer in Ukraine and Parliamentary
Liaison Officer of Ukraine Solidarity Campaign

Martin Allen
GMB Midlands Regional Secretary

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YOUR MONDAY FRINGE LISTINGS

12:45 – 13:45

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Horseshoe Pavilion

Global Majority Workers & Sexual Harassment

GMB National Race & Organising Department

Gallery Room

PPE Fit For All Campaign

GMB National Health, Safety & Environment Department

Circle Level Room 1

Defending Peace in Latin America: Cuba & Colombia vs Trump

GMB North West & Irish Region

Circle Level Room 2

Will the Water Sector Clean Up Its Act?

GMB Union Private Section

Circle Level Room 3

Celebrating Equal Pay Successes: Hundreds of Millions in Members' Pockets

GMB Women's Campaign Unit

Circle Level Room 4

Caring For Our Carers: The effect of staffing levels and violence on care workers

GMB National Care Committee

17:30 – 19:00

VIP Ballroom Balcony Bar, North Balcony, Empress Ballroom

Evening Drinks Reception – sponsored by Deliveroo

Global Majority Workers & Sexual Harassment

GMB Public Services Section

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Horseshoe Pavilion

Join speakers from the Trades Union Congress and GMB for an in-depth update on the TUC's "And Then It Clicked" campaign.

This fringe event will examine the campaign's work to challenge sexual harassment, sexism, and misogyny in workplaces, while highlighting the role of trade unions in driving cultural change.

Hear from campaigners and union representatives about progress so far, the challenges that remain, and the collective action needed to create safer, fairer workplaces for all.

CHAIR:

Farzana Jumma

GMB North East, Yorkshire & Humber Regional President
& TUC Race Relations Committee Chair

SPEAKERS:

Carol Ferguson

TUC Lead

Michelle Codrington-Rogers

TUC

Taranjit Chana

GMB London Region

Ryan Clement

Barrister (TBC)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

PPE Fit For All Campaign

GMB National Health, Safety & Environment Campaign

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Gallery Room

An introduction and update on the PPE fit for all campaign, including speeches from Kirsteen Sullivan MP who has got inclusive PPE (and our campaign) on the agenda in Parliament, Reps who were founding members of the campaign group, and PPE specialists BSIF.

Information will also be provided on how Reps and members can encourage their employers to sign up to the GMB Inclusive PPE charter and organise around it in their workplaces.

CHAIR: **Charlotte Brumpton-Childs**
Acting National Secretary, GMB Private Section

SPEAKERS: **Melanie Bartlett**
GMB Union Private Section

Kirsteen Sullivan MP
Member of Parliament for Bathgate and Linlithgow

Martina Vrajitoru
GMB Deputy Convenor, Hinkley Point C

John Hooker
British Safety Industry Federation

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Defending Peace in Latin America: Cuba and Colombia vs Trump

GMB North West & Irish Region

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 1

Latin America was declared a 'Zone of Peace' by 33 countries in the region, but now U.S. President Trump has set fire to the continent through military aggression, economic warfare and threats of 'regime change'. Members of Cuba's Electric Trade Union are working 24 hours a day to keep the lights on under Trump's fuel blockade of the island, while Colombia's union-backed President has faced down Trump's threats and increased workers' minimum wage by 23%.

Hear the latest and how GMB members can show solidarity from the Cuban Ambassador, campaign groups and GMB's Vice-President reporting back from observing the Colombian Presidential Elections.

CHAIR: **Barbara Plant**
GMB National President

SPEAKERS: **Ismara Mercedes Vargas Walter**
Cuban Ambassador to the UK

Sonya Davis
GMB National Vice President and
delegate to Colombia in May 2026

Rob Miller
Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Nick MacWilliam
Justice for Colombia

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Will the Water Sector Clean Up Its Act?

GMB Union Private Section

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 2

Can water companies deliver the investment, skills and jobs needed to upgrade ageing infrastructure, reduce leaks, cut pollution and improve the environment?

This fringe event will explore the role trade unions can play in securing long-term investment, holding water companies to account, and ensuring workers and communities are at the heart of delivering a cleaner, more sustainable water industry.

CHAIR: **Jason Evans**
Activist – Severn Trent Water

SPEAKERS: **Lorraine Beavers MP**
Member of Parliament for Blackpool North & Fleetwood

Julie McGovern
Head of People, United Utilities

Cliff Roney
GMB Activist, Former Thames Water Employee
& Water Campaigner

Gary Carter
National Officer for Energy & Water

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Celebrating Equal Pay Successes: Hundreds of Millions in Members' Pockets

GMB Women's Campaign Unit

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 3

Join us as we celebrate the many hard-fought equal pay victories across GMB over the past year.

This fringe will feature equal pay leaders and members from across the country who led the way in organising, campaigning, and for some, industrial action that delivered real change and hundreds of millions of pounds into our members pockets.

CHAIR: **Rhea Wolfson**
GMB Head of Internal & Industrial Relations

SPEAKERS: **Equal Pay Leaders from across the union**

Gary Smith
GMB General Secretary & Treasurer

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Caring For Our Carers: The effect of staffing levels and violence on care workers

GMB National Care Committee

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 4

Care workers work in one of the most vital and difficult sectors in the UK. Through low pay and emotionally draining work, some of the most resilient and dedicated staff care for those that are unable to care for themselves.

Despite this dedication and selflessness care workers are routinely left short staffed, with over 111,000 vacancies in the sector leaving both carers and vulnerable users of care at risk. Care workers are also routinely subjected to verbal and physical violence, being bitten, punched, sworn at and racially abused.

In this fringe event we aim to shine a light on the dangers care workers face, discuss the actions GMB have been taking to tackle these issues and develop strategies and action plans for what we as a Union do next.

CHAIR:

Ruth Pitchford

Chair of GMB National Care Committee

SPEAKERS:

Will Dalton

GMB National Officer

Simon Day

GMB Public Services Section President

Alan Sable

Head of Department at Uni Care

Sharmayne Hazel & Dylan Marshall

GMB National Care Committee

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YOUR TUESDAY LUNCHTIME FRINGES

12:45 – 13:45

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Horseshoe Pavilion

No Place for Racism Campaign

GMB National Race & Organising Department

Gallery Room

Gas Networks: Securing Jobs and Supporting Britain's Energy Future

SGN

Circle Level Room 1

Employment Status in the Gig Economy

GMB Private Section

Circle Level Room 2

NHS Pay for NHS Workers: Winning fair pay and conditions for subcontracted workers

GMB North East, Yorkshire & Humber Region

Circle Level Room 3

AI: What it Means for the Future of Work and GMB

GMB London Region

Circle Level Room 4

Building the Council Homes we Need

GMB Southern Region

No Place for Racism Campaign

GMB National Race & Organising Department

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Horseshoe Pavilion

The essence of our union is the solidarity between workers in the workplace. That solidarity recognises, celebrates, and defends the dignity of every worker regardless of where they come from, whatever they look like or whatever their sex, gender, creed, or culture.

We know that when workers come together, stick together and defend each other in the workplace they are stronger, paid better and treated better at work.

We know that racism divides us and denies us the opportunity to make work a better place and a safer place for all.

We know that to improve our workplaces, communities and society, we must fight racism relentlessly wherever it manifests by standing firm together with all the diverse brilliance of our unique characteristics and showing that our values, respect and love for each other can never be defeated and leaves no place for racism.

CHAIR: **Tyehimba Nosakhire**
GMB National Race Organiser

SPEAKERS: **Ross Holden**
GMB Head of Research & Policy

Kudisia Batool
TUC Director of Equality,
International & Governance

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Gas Networks: Securing Jobs and Supporting Britain's Energy Future

SGN

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Gallery Room

Britain's gas network is critical national infrastructure – connecting millions of homes and businesses, employing hundreds of thousands of skilled workers, and keeping the lights and heating on when it matters most.

However, with energy policy in flux and pressure mounting on the sector, what does the future look like for the workers who build, maintain and operate it?

And how do we make sure that the shift to green gases like hydrogen and biomethane creates good, well-paid jobs rather than destroying the ones we already have.

SPEAKERS: **Representatives from GMB, SGN, Cadent and the Green Gas Taskforce**

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Employment Status in the Gig Economy

GMB Private Section

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 1

Researchers from the Centre for Decent Work at the University of Sheffield will report on the findings to a two-year research project exploring terms and conditions of employment in the parcel delivery sector.

It will explore how contractual status impacts upon the experiences of working in the sector as well as reporting on wider issues relating to workplace pressures, health and safety, monitoring and surveillance and unpaid work.

CHAIR: **Dr Bob Jeffery**
TUC President – Sheffield TUC
Senior Lecturer, Institute of Law and Social Sciences

SPEAKERS: **Professor Kirsty Newsome**
Chair in Employment Relations

Dr Safak Tartanoglu Bennett
Lecturer in Work & Employment

Luke Raikes
Deputy General Secretary of the Fabian Society

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NHS Pay for NHS Workers: Winning fair pay and conditions for subcontracted workers

GMB North East, Yorkshire & Humber Region

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 2

With subcontracted workers across the country continuing to fight for fair pay, decent conditions and equal treatment, this fringe event will bring together front-line activists, trade union representatives and decision makers to discuss the next steps in the campaign for NHS pay for all NHS staff.

The discussion will explore the challenges faced by outsourced and subcontracted workers, the impact of insecure employment on staff and services, and how collective action can help secure fairer pay, better protections and greater equality across the NHS workforce.

CHAIR: **Farzana Jumma**
GMB North East, Yorkshire & Humber Regional President

SPEAKERS: **Gemma Williamson**
GMB Representative at Airedale Hospital

Rachel Harrison
GMB National Secretary for Public Services

Josh Fenton-Glynn MP
Member of Parliament for Calder Valley and
Member of the Health Select Committee

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AI: What it Means for the Future of Work and GMB

GMB London Region

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 3

Come to our fringe meeting to hear about what Artificial Intelligence (AI) means for the future of work, how it affects your workplace and how we can protect members and their rights.

CHAIR: **Steve Garelick**
GMB London Region &
Member of the TUC AI Taskforce

SPEAKERS: **Dr Antonio Weiss**
AI & Digital Expert and Author

Jeni Tennison
Founder and Director, Connected by Data

Dawn Davidsen
Whistleblowers UK

Aparna Surendra
Employment Solicitor, AWO

Other speakers and panel members TBC

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Building the Council Homes That We Need

GMB Southern Region

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 4

1.3 million households are on local authority waiting lists for social housing and GMB members make the bricks that can help build them.

Fewer people may be able to afford to live in the social homes that will be built under this Labour Government and its plans to support council housebuilding do not set any target. Meanwhile rising energy costs have increased the price of construction materials.

Join us to discuss how we build the council and social homes we need, with a proper industrial strategy and learning from examples like Wandsworth Labour Council which has so far built 500 of its promised 1,000 council homes.

CHAIR: **Sonya Davis**
GMB National Vice President

SPEAKERS: **Cllr Aydin Dikerdim**
Wandsworth Council Cabinet Member for Housing

Charlotte Brumpton-Childs
GMB Acting National Secretary for Private Section

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YOUR WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME FRINGES

12:45 – 13:45

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Horseshoe Pavilion

Putting Workers in Charge of the Energy Transition

Climate Jobs UK

Gallery Room

The Future of the Retired Members

Retired Members Association

Circle Level Room 1

Update and Events of the GMB Lifelong Learning Committee

GMB Lifelong Learning Committee

Circle Level Room 2

Health at Risk? We've got your back:

GMB and Unionline in action

GMB National Health and Safety Department

Circle Level Room 3

Calling All Equal Pay Campaigners: Past, Present & Future

GMB Women's Campaign Unit

Circle Level Room 4

Midlands Manufacturing – An Industrial Future

GMB Midlands Region

Putting Workers in Charge of the Energy Transition

Climate Jobs UK

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Horseshoe Pavilion

What does the transition mean for jobs, pay and conditions, and who gets to decide?

This fringe brings together trade unionists leading the Climate Jobs UK initiative to set out a clear alternative: a worker-led transition that delivers secure jobs, skills, and public value, not a race to the bottom driven by contractors and short-term profit.

CHAIR:

Charlotte Hall

Executive Director, Climate Jobs UK

SPEAKERS:

David Douglas

Chair of Climate Jobs UK and Centrica Rep

Audrey Uppington

Climate Jobs UK Board and
Prospect National Executive Member

Mathew Williams

GMB Convenor at Sizewell C

Charlotte Brumpton-Childs

GMB Acting National Secretary, Private Section
Climate Jobs UK Board Member

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The Future of the Retired Members

GMB Retired Members Association

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Gallery Room

The aim of our fringe meeting is to make retired members, delegates and visitors aware of how we meet the key objectives of the GMB's Policy and Procedures. We will discuss in detail the success that has already been achieved and how collectively retired members and others can contribute to its's future.

- Provide practical assistance in the recruitment, retention and organisational objectives.
- Campaign on behalf of retired members and bring about dignity in retirement.
- Working partnership with like-minded pensioner groups.
- Comply with GMB's Equal Opportunity Policies.
- Update on Pensions Legislation.

CHAIR:

Kevan Hensby

GMB RMA National Secretary

SPEAKERS:

Janice Smith

GMB RMA National Secretary

Margi Clarke

RMA Vice President

George Georgiou

GMB National Pensions Officer

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Update and Events of the GMB Lifelong Learning Committee

GMB Lifelong Learning Committee

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 1

The National Lifelong Learning Committee (NLLC) is GMB Union's key forum for coordination and oversight in upskilling our members, that is for the benefit of GMB Union and lay members.

Our NLLC provides structure and direction in learning values, to steer GMB's national and regional objectives, to maximise training opportunities to the membership for achieving workplace learning outcomes, by establishing equality of access in higher educational and vocational qualifications through its objectives.

Join our fringe to hear about what has happened since Congress 2025, and updates on our future plans.

CHAIR:

Stephen Hutchings

GMB National Lifelong Learning Committee Chair

SPEAKERS:

TBC



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Health at Risk? We've got your back GMB and Unionline in action

GMB National Health and Safety Department

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 2

Workers are facing a growing and dangerous cocktail of chemicals and biological hazards on the job. When employers look the other way and others won't step up, GMB and Unionline do — fighting for safer workplaces, real change, and the justice workers deserve.

This fringe meeting will set out GMB's approach to occupational health, showcasing how we've delivered tangible improvements at work, and explaining how Unionline helps victims of employer negligence secure justice and compensation.

If you believe workers' health should never be the price of a pay packet, this is a meeting not to miss.

CHAIR:

Dan Shears

GMB National Head of Health,
Safety & Environment

SPEAKERS:

John Brown

GMB Scotland Delegate to CSEU

Charlotte Brumpton-Childs

GMB Acting National Secretary, Private Section

Matt Cordall

UnionLine

Natalie Rodgers

UnionLine

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Calling All Equal Pay Campaigners: Past, Present & Future

GMB Women's Campaign Unit

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 3

This unique fringe event will bring people together for structured conversations about equal pay campaigns, past, present, and future.

Through facilitated small group and one to one discussions, participants will have the opportunity to share experiences, learn about different approaches to equal pay, and make new connections with colleagues from across the country.

The aim is for everyone to leave having learned something new, met someone new, and hopefully enjoyed having lunch together!

CHAIR:

Megan Fisher

GMB Women's Campaign Unit

SPEAKERS:

You!

We will be running a 'speed networking' style event that everyone can participate in.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Midlands Manufacturing – An Industrial Future

GMB Midlands Region

TIME: 12:45 – 13:45

ROOM: Circle Level Room 4

Manufacturing has long been at the heart of the Midlands economy and identity, shaping communities, industries and generations of skilled workers.

This fringe event will bring together workers to share their experiences of the sector, reflect on the challenges and changes of recent decades, and discuss what the future holds for UK manufacturing.

The discussion will explore how manufacturing can deliver secure jobs, stronger communities and a fairer economy for the future.

CHAIR:

Jim Barwise

Lead Convenor at JCB

SPEAKERS:

Sharon Yates

GMB Representative in the Ceramics Industry
& GMB Midlands Regional Committee Member

Lisa McCready

GMB Representative in the Ceramics Industry

Keifa Allen

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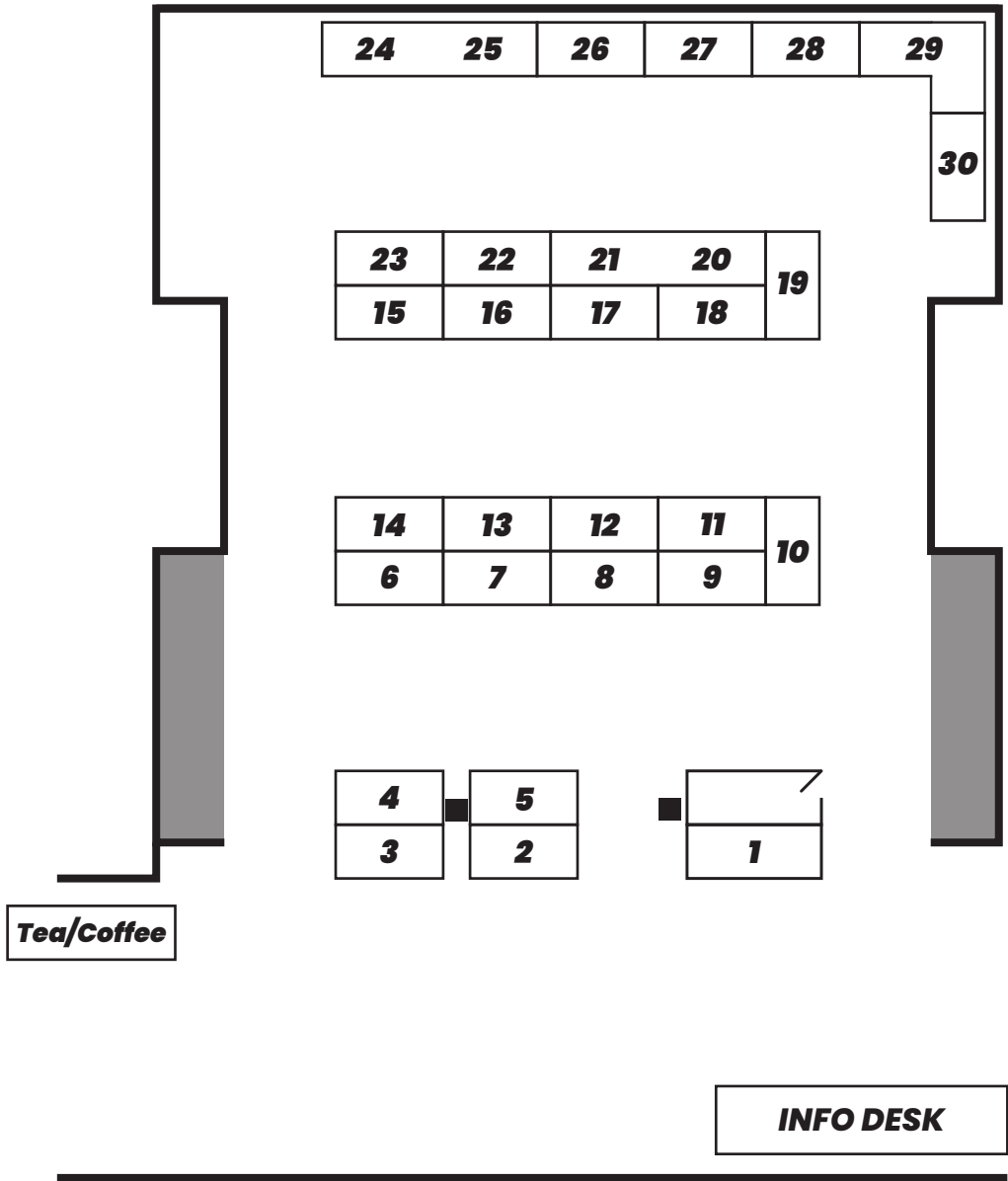
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Blackfords help GMB to keep Britain working.



Bookmarks Bookshop

Stand 19

Where do you go when you want to buy a book? A union-busting corporation or a socialist bookshop?

Bookmarks is the official bookseller for the TUC and keeps alive the tradition of radical bookselling, ensuring activists have access to the important lessons from history and cutting-edge political analysis.

Our range of books covers politics, economics, trade unionism, labour history, the environment, black struggle, women's liberation, culture, fiction, radical children's books and much more.

We don't just sell books, we publish them too, books that answer the big questions socialists and trade unionists are asking.

We provide bookstalls at events across the country, from the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival to the Durham Miners' Gala, to trade

union conferences and on major demonstrations. We provide books for workplace readers' groups and for trade union education courses.

Massive anti-union booksellers like Amazon can offer the discounts that smaller shops cannot match. They do this by attacking their own workers, avoiding corporation tax and squeezing authors and publishers. That's not how we operate. And the major booksellers cannot match the guidance and expertise that our unionised staff provide.



Britain Israel Trade Union Dialogue

Stand 16 – Sunday – Monday only

Britain Israel Trade Union Dialogue (BITUD) exists to promote trade union cooperation between British, Israeli and Palestinian trade unionists. We support and work for a comprehensive peace agreement based on the two state solution, and we work with progressives in the region to achieve this. We produce regular updates on trade union news and action within Israel and Palestine as well as taking British trade unionists on delegations to the region.



CLIMATE JOBS UK

Climate Jobs UK

Stand 27

Climate Jobs UK, founded by GMB and Prospect, campaigns to maximise the economic benefits of the transition to clean power.

Delivering this transition depends on harnessing the skills and experience of our traditional energy communities and attracting the talents of young people.

That's why we're campaigning for a jobs-first transition that:

- Prioritises the creation of skilled, high paid, secure jobs
- Supports our domestic supply chain
- Is worker-led and socially inclusive
- Builds national energy security



Cuba Solidarity Campaign Sunday

Stand 17 – Sunday – Tuesday only

CSC campaigns for the end of the illegal US blockade of Cuba, for the return of the illegally US occupied Guantanamo Bay and for respect for Cuba's sovereignty and independence, free from interference by foreign governments.

Visit our stand to join the campaign, to affiliate your branch, to get the latest news on Cuba and CSC, to receive information on events, campaigns, delegations and tours, or to buy from our range of t-shirts, music, books, chocolate, coffee and other Cuba related gifts.



deliveroo

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Our landmark agreement with GMB Union benefits around 70,000 genuinely self-employed riders who are an essential part of the fabric of local communities up and down the country.

We have long advocated for increased protections and security for riders, alongside the flexibility and control they value. Representation and a voice through the GMB and the rider reps is a crucial part of that. It has led to higher pay, stronger benefits, and a better day-to-day riding experience.

But too many riders still face intimidation while riding. We are calling on the government to extend to riders the same legal protections from assault and violence as they have promised to retail workers.

Please join us at our drinks reception on Monday 8 June at 17.30 in the VIP Ballroom Balcony Bar, North Balcony, to find out more about our campaign and how we are working together to create a fairer on-demand economy.



Fight Bladder Cancer UK Stand 13

Fight Bladder Cancer UK is a charity that supports people affected by bladder cancer, raises awareness, advocates for improvements in care, and campaigns for research into this neglected cancer.

Patients and carers founded the charity – and we keep patients at the heart of our work.

With around 20,000 people diagnosed with bladder cancer each year in the UK, it affects people of all ages and genders. Sadly 1 in 2 with advanced bladder cancer will not survive.

Survival rates have changed little in decades.

Exposure to cancer-causing chemicals in the workplace is the second most common preventable cause of bladder cancer.

To tackle this, Fight Bladder Cancer and the GMB are working to ensure at-risk workers receive information, safety training, and appropriate personal protective equipment to minimise exposure to cancer-causing chemicals.

By working together, we can reduce the incidence of bladder cancer and improve the outcomes for those affected.

GMB CREDIT UNION

GMB Credit Union

Stand 4

The GMB Credit Union is thrilled to be exhibiting at this year's GMB Congress. As a proud key member benefit supplier of the GMB Union, the GMB Credit Union will be demonstrating its commitment to financial empowerment and community support. Attendees can look forward to engaging discussions, informative opportunities to learn about the various financial services and products designed to help members achieve their financial goals.

The GMB Credit Union's presence at this year's GMB Congress underscores its dedication to fostering a strong, united community. We invite all members to visit our stand, participate in conversation, and discover how they can support the members they represent in relation to their financial well-being.

Finally, we look forward to meeting you and discussing how you can get involved to make the finances of our members work better by being a part of GMB's Credit Union.



GMB Women's Campaign Unit and Equality & Inclusion Department

Stand 20 & 21

GMB puts equalities at the heart of our industrial campaigns.

Come along to the national equality stand for updates on current campaigns delivering workplace justice for women, disabled workers, ethnically diverse workers and lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans workers.

Organisers and activists will talk you through some of our key campaigns, including from the Women's Campaign Unit and National Race & Organising Department.

You can pick up key resources for workplace negotiation and member organising on equal pay, women's safety, the menopause, trans and non-binary equality, reasonable adjustments, neurodiversity at work, pregnancy loss, flexible working and domestic abuse.

You can find out about getting involved in a self-organised group in your region or setting one up from scratch.

Whether you're an experienced branch secretary, a branch equality officer or you're totally new to Congress, make sure you come along to get some ideas on kicking off an equality campaign in your workplace.



GMB Health, Safety & Environment Department

Stand 23

From Covid-19 to construction; asbestos to air quality; violence to viruses; and MSDs to mental health, we are here to give you the help and support you need.

Our campaigns for better provision of Protective Equipment, and to reduce work-related violence, are in full swing.

So come and meet the National Health, Safety and Environment Department at our stand.

We will have our latest range of guides and leaflets, and can help you with any queries, concerns or burning issues that you need expert advice on.



GMB Internet Café

Stand 24 & 25

Want to know what's happening back at your workplace?

Need to check your email, print something, research a motion or review your speech?

Visit the GMB Internet cafe. We have several laptops available that you can print from.

The Internet Cafe can be found at Stands 24 and 25 in the Congress Exhibition.



GMB Midlands Manufacturing

Stand 12

The Midlands Manufacturing committee has a purpose of raising the profile of UK manufacturing.

The committee is an industrial voice for all GMB members working in the manufacturing

industry. The core campaigns for the committee are to create highly paid skilled jobs, encourage young workers to take up apprenticeships and allow opportunities for all in the workplace. The committee consists of active workplace representatives that want to make a difference, contributing to principles.

UK manufacturing has to be a priority now in relation to defence, energy technology, and worker's opportunities.

If we are to make a difference the trade union movement must embrace the worker voice in a meaningful way.

Midland's manufacturing is striving to be that worker voice in all industrial sections; the representatives are relevant and passionate about manufacturing. The committee are passionate about their involvement in the trade union, their workplaces and the communities supporting local charities with fundraising and good causes.

UK manufacturing has suffered for decades and with the world committing to a new greener future everyone needs to contribute to making a difference on all levels, Midland's manufacturing are fighting to make workplaces the heartbeat of the future industrial solution.



GMB National Lifelong Learning Committee

Stand 14

The National Lifelong Learning Committee have rebranded, and we are proactive in providing Courses in 2026 and beyond.

These courses include; Empowering Workers, Political Course, Police Reps Course, TA Webinars, and now free courses are available on the GMB Learning website.

The providers for courses are, Closing the Gap, Birken, GFTU and Trademarks.

The National Lifelong Learning fund is available to all members of GMB Union for life changing opportunities for higher education or skills courses with the purpose of upskilling enabling members to gain extra skills for the workplace.

The NLLC consists of twelve lay members of GMB Union with delegates from each region, a National Officer oversees the Committee. The Committee

meet and discuss learning opportunities and look at applications that are sent to the Committee.

Should any member need any further information please make contact with the NLLC Chair by contacting them at the below email.

lifelonglearning@gmbactivist.org.uk



GMB NHS Dental Plan

Stand 5

Do you have a NHS dentist?

Get £500 of NHS cover with the GMB NHS dental plan and get money back each time you visit your NHS dentist, meaning no more costly treatment bills.

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year heritage of providing affordable healthcare. GMB NHS Dental Plan is administered by Protego Group who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



GMB No Place for Racism

Stand 22

The essence of our union is the solidarity between workers in the workplace.

That solidarity recognises, celebrates, and defends the dignity of every worker regardless of where they come from, whatever they look like or whatever their sex, gender, creed, or culture.

We know that when workers come together, stick together and defend each other in the workplace they are stronger, paid better and treated better at work.

We know that racism divides us and denies us the opportunity to make work a better place and a safer place for all.

We know that to improve our workplaces, communities and society, we must fight racism

relentlessly wherever it manifests by standing firm together with all the diverse brilliance of our unique characteristics and showing that our values, respect and love for each other can never be defeated and leaves no place for racism.



GMB Retired Members Association

Stand 15

The GMB Retired Members Association (RMA) continues to grow and plays a significant role in the work of the GMB.

1. Providing practical assistance in the recruitment, retention and organisational objectives of GMB
2. Campaigning on behalf of retired GMB members to bring about dignity in retirement
3. Working in partnership with like-minded pensioner groups who share our values
4. Promoting equal opportunities, in line with GMB policies and principles

The RMA is actively campaigning to further the interests and aspirations of retired members and their partners, so retired people have the freedom to live in dignity and not the fear of need.

We work as part of the wider pensioner movement across country, campaigning to influence and lobby national, devolved nations, regional and local government to promote and advance pensioners interest and concerns.

As a worker you joined GMB to protect and advance your interests at work. You can remain a member when you retire to protect and advance your interests in retirement.

If you are about to retire, or you may have already done so and would like to stay active and involved in the GMB, contact your Regional Secretary or the RMA co-ordinator in your region.

We look forward to you working with you in the RMA.

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Sponsor

Leigh Day is the leading claimant employment law firm, with a strong track record of working alongside GMB to win cases and achieve settlements for members.

Examples of this include the Asda equal pay case and gig economy cases such as Addison Lee.

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Leigh Day's ongoing partnership with GMB reflects a shared commitment to workers getting fair treatment, and safeguarding their rights in the workplace.



Morning Star
Stand 30

The Morning Star is a unique resource for trade unionists — the only socialist daily newspaper in the English-speaking world and the only co-operatively owned daily in the British media.

It's owned by its readers — with anyone able to buy a share for £10 — and by the trade unions themselves, with 13 trade unions, including GMB, holding maximum shareholdings and a seat on the paper's management committee.

Its unique focus on trade union issues — it's also the only daily to retain a dedicated industrial reporter — has led to it being dubbed the labour movement's paper of record, covering the strikes and campaigns other papers ignore. It stands with workers in struggle — it will always send copies for free distribution on picket lines — and is a platform for reps and activists who can get their disputes and victories attention across the whole movement through its pages.

Drop by our stall and find out more!



Organising Amazon
Stand 11

Visit our stall and be part of a real, ongoing fight for workers' rights. *Organising Amazon* tells the remarkable story of how workers at Amazon's BHX4 Coventry warehouse built power from the ground up. Between August 2022 and July 2024, GMB Union membership surged, 37 days of strike action were organised, and workers won a hard fought 28.5% pay rise. Even so, Amazon workers narrowly missed forcing the company to recognise their union, showing both the scale of the achievement and the challenge ahead.

Based on ethnographic research and first hand reflections from worker leaders and organisers, this book is more than a history: it is a practical guide to organising in hostile, precarious workplaces.

Meet Amazon reps, hear directly from workers, and show your solidarity. Every penny from book sales goes straight back into the struggle for recognition through the GMB A25 Amazon Workers Branch.



**PALESTINE
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Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Stand 16

Tuesday – Wednesday only

“We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians” – Nelson Mandela

Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) is an independent and democratic organisation, campaigning for peace, equality & justice for Palestinians, in support of international law & human rights, and against all forms of racism.

Please get involved and support our solidarity work:

- Join PSC and affiliate your branch and region
- Join us in our Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaigns
- Sign and share our petitions and online actions on our website and social media
- Raise the issue of Palestine in your branch and region, we can supply resources: material, speakers and more.

Please visit our stand in the

exhibition area for information about our current campaigns, to find out how you can get involved and stand in solidarity for justice for Palestine.

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Stand 1

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People's History Museum

Stand 6 – Sunday – Tuesday only

People's History Museum is the national museum of democracy. The only museum dedicated to telling the story of the development of democracy in Britain: past, present, and future. The museum engages, inspires and informs all audiences by showing that 'there have always been ideas worth fighting for.

Currently on display is On The Line: 100 years of Strikes and Solidarity, sponsored by GMB Union, the exhibition explores how strike action has shaped the history and future of British democracy.

Part of the national commemorations marking 100 years since the 1926 General Strike where the exhibition begins, On The Line takes visitors on a journey through a century of struggles and stories of strength. Amongst the stories told are the Grunwick Strike (1976-1978), the Miners' Strike (1984-1985), Amazon's Coventry warehouse strikes (2023-2024) and the Glasgow Women's Strike (2018).

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Stand 7

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Simpsons Solicitors

Stand 3

Simpsons Solicitors has proudly supported the work of GMB Union for many years, building a strong and trusted partnership focused on protecting workers' rights.

Our team specialises in both employment law and personal injury matters, providing clear, practical advice and dedicated representation to GMB members across a wide range of cases. From workplace disputes and unfair dismissal claims to serious injury cases, we understand the challenges working people face and are committed to securing fair outcomes. We work closely with union representatives to ensure members receive timely support and guidance at every stage of their claim.

Our approach is rooted in accessibility, responsiveness, and a genuine commitment to achieving justice for individuals. We are proud to stand alongside GMB, helping to make a positive difference in the lives of its members and continuing a long-standing tradition of trusted legal support.



The Labour Party

Stand 9

The Labour Party was created by the trade unions and socialist societies. After 14 wasted years of Tory government, Labour is governing for working people.

An end to exploitative zero-hour contracts and fire-and-rehire practices, and statutory sick pay from day one: achievements that show Labour in government works for you.

Are you interested in standing as a Labour candidate? Or are you a roleholder in your branch or CLP that has some questions?

Come and speak to us on the stand about how you can get more involved with Labour in your community.



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TU Fund Managers is one of the oldest Unit Trust investment companies in the UK having celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2021.

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UIB GMB Protect

Stand 2

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Ukraine Solidarity Campaign

Stand 28 – Sunday – Monday only

SOLIDARITY CAN HELP UKRAINE WIN!

JOIN UKRAINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

We were founded in 2014 during Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity, in solidarity with the workers and progressive movements defending democracy on Kyiv's Maidan.

We are part of the Labour and Trade Union Movement. We campaign for military aid to Ukraine and for justice for the war crimes committed by the Russian army.

We organise direct aid to Ukraine, supporting the struggles of its trade unions in their fight to defend members' lives, calling for full labour rights and a socially just reconstruction programme.

UNIONLINE

THE LAW FIRM OWNED BY GMB MEMBERS

Unionline

Stand 10

UnionLine was established in 2014 and remains the only Trade Union owned law firm in the UK. We are different to any other law firm as we are owned by GMB members for GMB members, and we are proud to have done this for the last 12 years.

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We work closely with all GMB regions and national to ensure that GMB members are at the forefront of everything we do.

So, join the hundreds of thousands of members who have already called us to see how we can help or come and visit us at Congress.



War on Want

Stand 18

Poverty is political. We believe the best way to tackle poverty is to work in partnership with unions and inspirational social movements in rural communities, factories, sweatshops or conflict zones across the world, and to hold those responsible for inequality and poverty to account.

With our Global South partners and allies, we are campaigning for a Global Green New Deal that puts workers and unions centre-stage.

We support garment-worker groups organising for change, and campaign for accountability from UK fashion brands. While rich corporations and the super wealthy dodge taxes, we are campaigning for a UN Tax Convention and a UK wealth tax – too often corporate control of land and resources deprives governments of vital tax revenue.

We challenge the mechanisms within trade deals, often made without scrutiny, that protect corporate profits over people by privatising public services and undermining standards. We stand in solidarity with all people fighting for their rights.



WASPI

Stand 26

Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) calls for fair compensation on behalf of 3.6 million women born in the 1950s for the way the Department for Work and Pensions communicated changes to their State Pension age from 60 to 65, and later to 66.

In Spring 2024, following a six-year investigation, the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman found the DWP guilty of maladministration and asked MPs to ensure the Government delivers compensation to those affected. After the Government initially refused to set up a compensation scheme, WASPI launched a High Court Judicial Review. In December 2025, ministers agreed to reconsider their decision and pay over half of WASPI's legal costs. WASPI continues to fight

for justice, ready to resume legal action if necessary.

However, in January 2026, the DWP yet again rejected compensation, prompting WASPI to announce a fresh judicial review in February 2026 to challenge this unlawful decision. WASPI continues to fight for justice for every woman affected by this historic injustice.

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Stand 8

Watkins & Gunn is a law firm for trade unions, supporting union members across Wales and England. We are proud to work closely with the GMB to provide accessible, high-quality legal services rooted in trade union values of fairness, dignity and collective strength.

Our specialist teams advise members on personal injury, clinical negligence, industrial disease claims and employment law alongside a broad range of personal legal services. These include wills and probate, powers of attorney, conveyancing and family law, supporting members and their families at every stage of life.

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community impact, access to justice and the wider trade union movement. We are committed to securing the best outcomes for members through skilled, determined and practical representation.

We work in partnership with the GMB to protect members, uphold rights and secure justice, delivering real impact and public value for working people.



WORTLEY HALL

Wortley Hall

Stand 29

Wortley Hall Sheffield is situated within 26 acres of formal gardens and woodlands with spectacular views over the Yorkshire countryside.

An ex-stately home with a strong union background, Wortley Hall proves to be a unique venue with plenty of character.

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the Hall and all members are welcomed to purchase shares in Wortley Hall to benefit from further discounts.

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