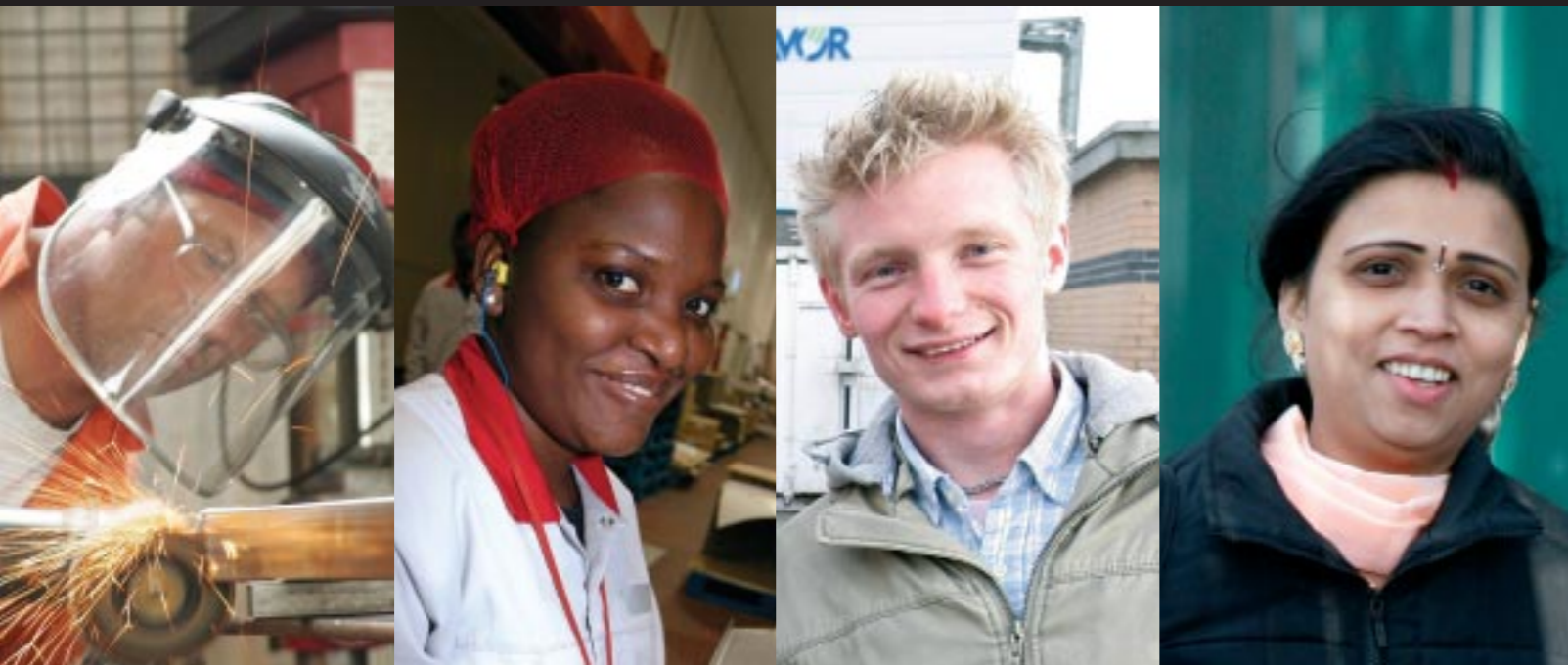




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Morning: 9.30am to 12.30pm Afternoon: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

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Tellers: Regional cover

- Birmingham & West Midlands Region will count GMB Scotland votes
- London Region will count Southern Region votes
- Midland & East Coast Region will count South Western Region votes
- Northern Region will count Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region votes
- North West & Irish Region will count Birmingham & West Midlands Region Votes
- GMB Scotland will count London Region votes
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AFTERNOON SESSION: TO BEGIN 2.00PM

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MONDAY 4 JUNE 2007

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45, East Wing Hall B—section 2 (left half)

THE FIGHT FOR DIGNITY—SHIPBREAKING IN INDIA

Chair

Keith Hazelwood, GMB National Secretary

Speakers

Rob Johnson, Director International Metalworkers' Federation

A speaker from All India Port & Dock Workers Federation

Ship Breaking is one of the most dangerous industries in the world and in India there is no legislation covering the industry, which means no protection for the workers. Akin to slavery some workers earn less than \$1 a day with no protective clothing, no medical aid, no sanitation and exposure to asbestos and other hazardous materials. In conjunction with DfID and the IMF, GMB are involved in developing a project to give the workers a voice, please come and hear their testimonies and how you can become more involved.

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45, Rainbow Room—ground floor

GMB—BNP FREE ZONE

Chair

Mick Rix, GMB National Officer

Speakers

Nick Lowles, Chair of Searchlight

Wilf Sullivan, Race Equality Officer TUC

Raj Gill, Race Equality Committee GMB

John Cruddas, Dagenham MP

This fringe meeting will explain how to organise to defeat fascist and racist organisation such as the BNP and how to combat their influence in GMB, the trade unions and labour movement. GMB's success in training officers and activists, along with our anti fascist work in the regions over the past two years, has stood us in good stead to pass on this vital knowledge.

Fringe Events MONDAY

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GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45, Skyline Restaurant–1st floor

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME—NOW & NEXT

Chair

Rowena Hayward, Public Services South West Region GMB

Speakers

Brian Strutton, GMB National Secretary

Naomi Cooke, GMB Pensions Officer

This fringe meeting is to update delegates on the latest developments in the implementation of the new Local Government Pension Scheme and to set out the next steps.

LABOUR BEHIND THE LABEL

12.45–13.45, landing area 4th floor

ORGANISING GARMENT WORKERS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

Chair

Bert Schouwenburg, GMB

Speakers

Ahit Kong, CCAWDU, Cambodia

Pherak, Womens Agenda for Change, Cambodia

Speaker from Burberry Campaign (tbc)

Sam Maher, Labour Behind the Label

Fashion is getting cheaper and faster, but who is paying the price? This fringe will hear about the struggle to organise garment workers and demand secure work, decent conditions and better wages in factories supplying the British fashion industry.

THOMPSONS, SOLICITORS

12.24–13.34, East Wing Hall B—section 1 (right half)

DEATHS AT WORK

Chair

Debbie Coulter, GMB Deputy General Secretary

Speakers

Mick Antoniwi

Ian McFall

The new Corporate Manslaughter Bill. Will it make a difference?

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Cuba Solidarity Campaign

Justice for Colombia

Venezuela Information Centre

7.30-8.30 Free cocktails, buffet and speakers

8.30-late Live Cuban Band

TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2007

GMB NORTH WEST & IRISH REGION

12.45-3.45, East Wing Hall BE-section 2 (left half)

FIGHTING TO FREE WOMEN FROM FORCED MARRIAGES

Chair

Mary Turner, GMB President

Speakers

Jasvinder Sanghera

Afshan Hashmi

Karen Atkinson

Karma Nirvana is a charity that helps women and girls who are the victims of forced marriage and honour-based domestic violence. It was set up by Jasvinder Sanghera, herself a survivor of a forced marriage that led her to flee her home as a young woman. At this fringe Jasvinder will talk about her personal experiences and about the work now being done by Karma Nirvana to assist women at risk of domestic violence, forced marriage and honour-based killing.

GMB SOUTHERN REGION

12.45-13.45, landing area, 4th floor

PRIVATE EQUITY

Chair

Richard Ascough, GMB Regional Secretary

Speakers

Paul Maloney, GMB Senior Organiser

As Private Equity moves to take over some High Street and household names, GMB are at the forefront of the fight against asset stripping. Private Equity calls it investment, GMB say it is asset stripping and speculation.

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45-13.45, East Wing Hall B-section 1 (right half)

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE, MESOTHELIOMA CARE & OCCUPATIONAL CANCERS

Chair

John McClean, GMB National Health & Safety Officer

Speakers

Dr Helen Clayson, Mesothelioma Consultant

Ian McFall, Thompsons Solicitors

Tommy Gorman, GMB

While many will be aware of the tragic effects that exposure to the deadly dust asbestos have had on many GMB members over the years, delegates may be less aware of the growth in occupational cancers. Attend this important fringe meeting to keep up to date with current developments with regard to asbestos and to learn more about occupational cancers.

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

12.45-13.45, Skyline Restaurant, 1st floor

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

Chair

Zoe Mars, PSC National Executive

Speakers

Bernard Regan, PSC Trade Union Officer

The PSC would like to invite you to this meeting to hear about the ongoing international blockade of the elected Palestinian Government, which is at the heart of the humanitarian crisis that has seen a sharp increase in poverty in Palestine.

Today more than ever the question which needs to be asked is how Trade Unions in the UK can help build a mass solidarity movement to bring a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis.

www.palestinecampaign.org

Refreshments will be provided.

DEFEND COUNCIL HOUSING

12.45-13.45, West Balcony, 1st floor

DEFEND COUNCIL HOUSING

Council tenants, trade unions, councillors and MP oppose privatisation of council housing through transfer, PFI or ALMOs. We're fighting for the 'Fourth Option' - direct investment to improve all existing council homes and estates and enable local authorities to start a new council house building programme to provide the decent, affordable, secure and accountable homes people need today.

Fringe Events

TUESDAY/
WEDNESDAY

GMB LONDON REGION FRINGE MEETING

7.30pm prompt, Arundel Suite, Holiday Inn Hotel, Brighton sea front

HISTORIC COMMEMORATION OF THE APEX MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE GRUNWICK ACTION – 30 YEARS AGO

Guest Speakers

Mrs Jayaben Desai

Arthur Scargill, Honorary President of the NUM

Jack Dromey, Deputy General Secretary of T & G

Dave Walsh, former UCW London Area Secretary

Ed Blissett, GMB London Regional Secretary

30 years on from the Grunwick strike GMB London Region is marking the anniversary with a commemorative meeting to celebrate the achievements of the APEX strikers.

Special awards are to be made to the strikers by Paul Kenny, GMB General Secretary.

RSVP: Teresa Forshaw, GMB London Region, Thome House, 152 Brent Street, Hendon, NW4 2DP or teresa.forshaw@gmb.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2007

GMB SOUTH COAST OFFICE

12.45–13.45, Skyline Restaurant 1st floor

CHAGOS ISLANDERS – OUR FIGHT TO RETURN HOME

Chair

Richard Ascough, GMB Southern Regional Secretary

Speakers

Ingrid Pernal

Frank Bontemps

Chagos Island Community Association

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We ask workers and youth the whole world over – hear our voice!

It is the voice for freedom that thunders around the globe.

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

12.45–13.45, East wing Hall B – section 1 (right half)

DIFFICULT COMPANIES & HOW TO DEAL WITH DERECOGNITION

Chair

Phil Davies, GMB National Secretary

Speakers

Paul Kenny, GMB General Secretary

George Shearman, Co-operative Funeralcare

Les Woodward, Remploy

AA (tbc)

Ronnie Waugh, GMB CEC Member

Jennie Formby, National Secretary, TGWU

AA, Asda, Co-op Funeralcare and DHL are all very complex companies but what they do have in common is that they are very difficult to deal with. What should the GMB strategy be? Our General Secretary, Paul Kenny, has dealt tremendously well with anti trade union companies. Come along and hear what can be done when bad management derecognise trade unions and what lessons can be learned.

GMB SOUTHERN REGION

12.45–13.45, East Wing Hall B section 2 (left half)

MIGRANT WORKERS

Chair

Alan Fraser, GMB Southern Region

Speakers

Richard Ascough, GMB Regional Secretary

Gary Cook, GMB Organising Officer

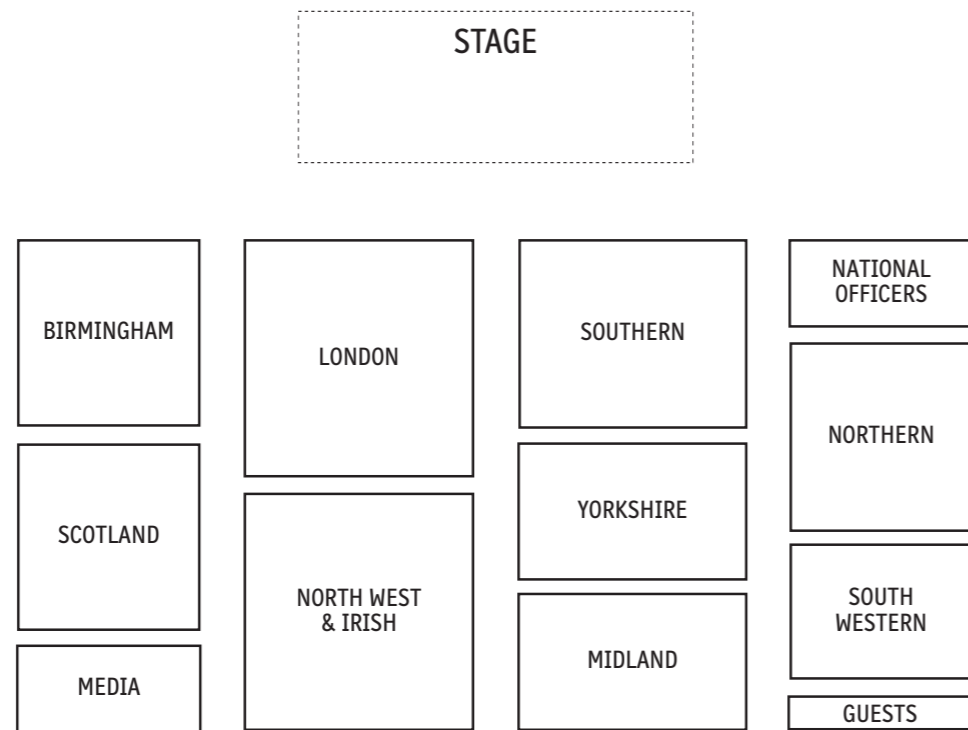
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Migrant Workers is a key organising issue for GMB. What should GMB strategy be? Should we support the self organising of migrant workers? What resources and structures do we need if we are to develop and take forward this strategy?

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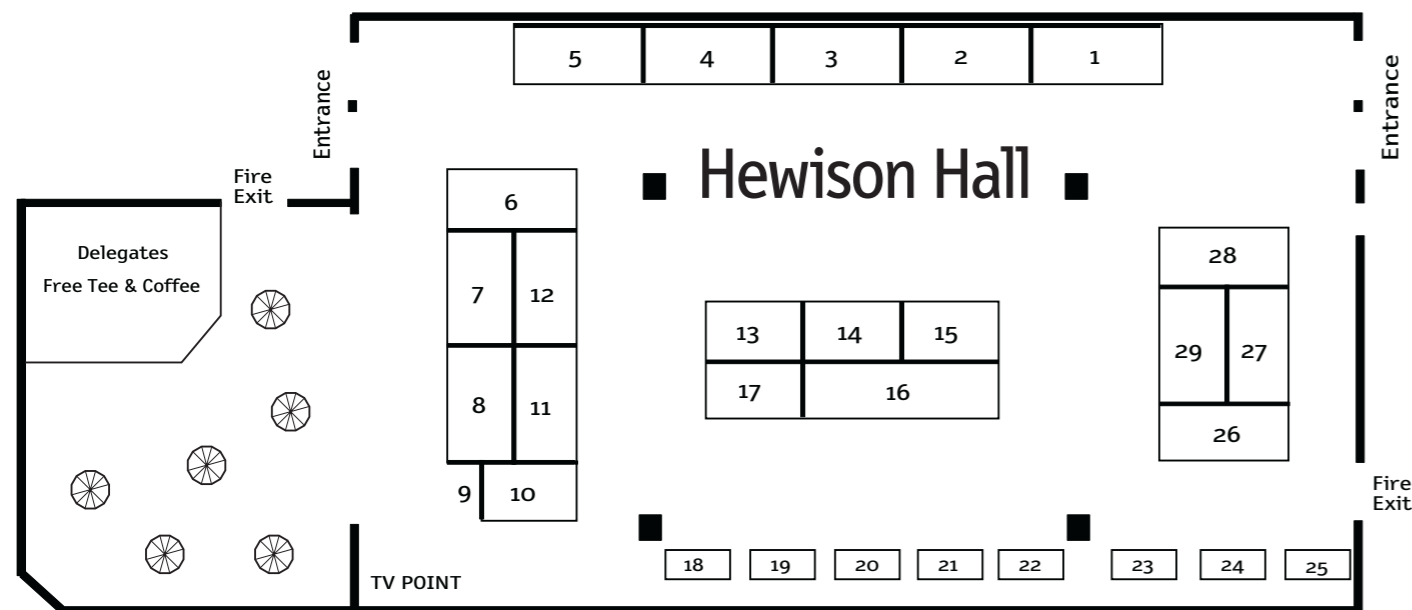
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Trade Unions play a strong long-term role in defending and protecting human rights worldwide and the relationship between GMB members and Amnesty is strong and much valued. We are undergoing an exciting phase of development in Amnesty's trade union activism to defend workers rights to meet the challenges of globalisation and to build solidarity in

order that all human beings, wherever they are, can secure their human rights. We look forward to building and deepening our relationship with GMB members in the year ahead.

Amnesty is a movement of ordinary people across the world standing up for humanity and human rights. Our purpose is to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied. Amnesty's effectiveness relies on the number of people we can convince to join us. We hope you will read about our work and choose to add your voice and your support to our calls for a fairer world.



Stand 25 **Banana Link**

Banana Link is a small and dynamic not-for-profit cooperative, founded in 1996 that campaigns for a fair and sustainable banana trade. We work in close partnership with Latin American banana worker's trade unions, small Caribbean farmers and civil society organisations in Europe and the U.S.

Since 2001 Banana Link has been working with seven banana workers' union organisations in Nicaragua, Honduras, Ecuador, Guatemala and Costa Rica as part of the "Union to Union" programme. The programme seeks to build solidarity links between Latin American trade unions, at one end of the international banana supply chain, and British trade unionists at the other.

Through this programme, banana workers' trade unions are organising and training workers on the ground, undertaking legal defence work on their individual and collective behalf, whilst lobbying for changes to labour laws, company practices and trade rules at a national and international level.

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Stand 22 **Cuba Solidarity Campaign**

Come to the CSC stall to find out how Cuba's unique achievements in healthcare are being threatened by aggressive US policy, and what you can do about it.

The Cuba Solidarity Campaign works in the UK to raise awareness of the illegal US economic blockade of Cuba and defends the Cuban people's right to self determination.

At the 2003 TUC Congress, a unanimous motion was passed supporting affiliation to CSC, and speaking out against the US blockade.

Today, 27 national trade unions and hundreds of branches are affiliated, and GMB is at the forefront of this movement.

CSC builds links between British trade unions and their sister unions in Cuba

through trade union study tours to the island, and by bringing Cuban unionists to the UK.

Visit our stand for information on membership, events, campaigns and tours, or to buy from our range of t-shirts, Cuban music, books and magazines.



Stand 10 **GMB Birmingham & West Midlands Region**

GMB Birmingham and West Midlands Region in support of Justice for Colombia.



Stands 26–29 **GMB Shop & National Stands GMB Health and Safety**

From mesothelioma to multi cultural workplaces, from the psychology of office space to work related stress—whatever your workplace problem come to the GMB Health & Safety stall at Congress to discuss the issues affecting workers in modern

Britain. Take this opportunity to talk to the National Health & Safety Officer or pick up some of the departments recent publications

GMB Retired Members Association—The Golden Years

Since 1985 the GMB Retired Members Association (RMA) has continued to grow. Retired members and their partners are urged to maintain an active interest in the activities of the RMA.

The GMB RMA aims to provide practical assistance in the recruitment, retention and organisational objectives of GMB wherever and whenever possible.

The GMB RMA will work in partnership with like minded pensioner groups whenever it is possible to do so.

The GMB RMA aims at all times to comply with the equal opportunity policies of GMB.

Britain has a growing and influential pensioner movement, which is campaigning to have freedom to live in dignity and not in fear of need. The GMB RMA is part of a wider pensioner movement and politically campaigns at all levels of Government, Europe and the UK.

GMB Shop

There is a wide range of merchandise to buy at the GMB shop including t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo-shirts, ties, badges, lanyards, baseball caps, and mugs.

GMB Equalities

Please feel free to visit the GMB National Equality Stalls which includes the National Equal Rights Committee, National Race Committee and Shout forum. The stalls will feature aspects of the National Equality structures work since last Congress. Members of NERAC, NRC, Shout & Disability Forum will be on hand to answer questions and to listen to any comments you have.

You will find publications covering a whole range of equality issues, including the Branch Equality and Race Officers pack and Equality legislation updates. With particular attention to the Equality groups campaigns and activities. We are hoping many of you will come and visit our stalls and offer your comments

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and views on the Equalities Agenda. We are really keen to hear from members who would like to take an active role in their Regional or National Equalities structures.

The following Equality representatives will be on hand to offer advice and assistance:

Dotun Alade Odumosu, National Race Committee

Margaret Gregg, National Equal Rights Committee

Tony Hughes, National Shout Forum

GMB National Disability Forum

GMB Disability Forum meets at least twice a year to discuss disability matters affecting GMB members at work. We have a GMB member who sits on the TUC Disability Forum and reports back to the National Secretary on a regular basis. The work of the Forum in recent times has been mainly to support our members' rights under the DDA. Come and visit the stall for further information.



Stand 12 GMB North West & Irish Region/ Karma Nirvana

Karma Nirvana is a Derby-based charity that helps women and girls who are the victims of domestic violence, forced marriage and honour killing. It was set up by Jasvinder Sanghera, herself a survivor of a forced marriage that led her

to flee her home as a young woman. The pioneering work carried out by Jasvinder now has national significance for South Asian women and is increasingly being recognised as having global importance. Honour-based violence occurs when perpetrators believe a relative has shamed the family and they believe the only way to redeem the family's honour is to punish or kill the relative. Jasvinder ran away from an arranged marriage at the age of fifteen and was disowned by her family and community. Her sister committed suicide rather than leave a violent relationship. Jasvinder has told her personal story in a book 'Shame' copies of which will be available for sale.



Stand 14 GMB Southern Region

The Southern Region stretches from Kent in the east to Cornwall in the west and includes London south of the Thames. The region has membership spread across the three sections of the union and is currently nearly 75000 strong and growing.



Stand 17 GMB Working To Save The Medway Queen

"Heroine of Dunkirk" saving 7000 troops from the beaches. On her seventh trip across the Channel she was badly damaged and reported lost. But Medway Queen survived!

The paddle steamer Medway Queen was built in 1924 by the Ailsa Shipbuilding Company for the New Medway Steam Packet Company of Rochester; just one of the many pleasure steamers operating around our coasts. The ship called regularly at Chatham, Sheerness, Herne Bay and Southend. She was powered by a diagonal compound steam engine, originally coal burning but converted to oil in 1938. This engine is still intact and will be restored.

The Medway Queen has now been awarded £1.86 million by the National Lottery to rebuild the hull. Medway Queen Preservation Society are currently in negotiations with A&P Tyres to carry out this work.



Stand 23 Justice for Colombia

Colombia is the most dangerous place in the world to be in a trade union. The Colombian Government detests unions and in recent years has used violence to try and destroy them. Last year 84 trade union activists were assassinated and in the past ten years

over 2000 working men and women have been murdered just for belonging to a union. Many others have been tortured, falsely imprisoned or violently attacked in order to force them to leave the union. The Colombian trade unions have made it clear that they would find it difficult to survive without international support and solidarity. Justice for Colombia (JFC) campaigns to assist the trade union movement in Colombia by providing concrete solidarity and international support. GMB is affiliated to JFC as are all of GMB's Regions. Please visit the stand to find out what you can do to help and to make sure that your branch is also supporting the campaign for trade union rights in Colombia.

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Stand 21 **Palestine Solidarity Campaign**

The PSC is an independent organization that aims to raise public awareness about the occupation of Palestine, and pressurise British and Israeli governments to realign their policies in accordance with international law.

- We campaign to support the rights of the oppressed Palestinian people and their struggle to achieve them, for example championing the Right of Return in line with UN Resolution 194. We oppose anti-semitism, racism, and the apartheid and Zionist nature of the Israel.
- Our activities include lobbying the media and government. We produce a wide range of literature and campaigning materials such as our quarterly magazine Palestine News.
- Trade Union Solidarity is essential to our work. We regularly hold stalls at Trade Union conferences, and recently have attended the TUC women's conference in Scarborough and Unison Health in Brighton.

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We are involved in assisting the Region's education officer in training new shop stewards in health and safety matters.

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Simpsons Solicitors can be contacted on:
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Stand 16 **Target BNP/TUFS**

Target BNP is a GMB anti fascist campaign that highlights the dangers of the BNP and other fascist and racist organisations.

GMB–BNP Free Zone is a new campaign to be launched this year that will concentrate on working with GMB workplace reps, Branch Officers and Regional Officers, to drive out the influence of the fascist BNP and other racist organisations—organisations that are infiltrating our workplaces and causing division amongst working people by spreading their hateful propaganda and myths.

Working with the TUC, other affiliated unions and Searchlight, GMB have embarked on an ambitious program, which has seen two Billy Bragg Hope Not Hate sponsored tours, as well as the recent Hope not Hate Big Red Bus Anti Fascist fortnight, where hundreds of thousands of leaflets and newspapers exposing the criminal elements within the BNP, and their poisonous and hateful policies and statements were distributed.

Please visit the exhibition stand and meet up with Searchlight.



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Stand 13 **The Training and Development Agency for Schools**

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TDA works with schools to develop the skills of the whole school workforce.

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TDA also helps schools manage change. This includes providing tools, techniques and insight to help local authorities and schools work differently together and improve the life chances of young people. The key areas of work are: extended services, performance management and targeted youth support, in addition to continuing to support securing the benefits from National Agreement.

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TU Fund Managers

Stand 4 **TU Fund Managers Ltd**

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Stand 24 **Venezuela Information Centre (VIC)**

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VIC is a broad-based campaign in solidarity with Venezuela. 12 national unions, including GMB, are affiliated. Our patrons include Tony Benn, Diane Abbott MP, Harold Pinter and Rodney Bickerstaffe, and our President is Ken Livingstone.

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In our campaigns for global justice we are fighting for the people of the Western Sahara whose land has been occupied for 30 years, for Colombian trade unionists under fire from government-backed paramilitaries and on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, focusing on the devastating effects of the

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In 2005, with the Make Poverty History campaign War on Want challenged the government here, at a European and global level. Now we are challenging the power of those that use the unfair rules—the corporations.



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