



Calderdale Trades Council Annual Report 2017-2018

Overview

Calderdale Trades Council has had a busy year with highlights including solidarity action supporting McDonald's and TGI Fridays' strikers and the second Calderdale May Day programme. We now have 22 affiliated trade union branches, welcoming four new affiliates during the year. We have supported trade unionists taking industrial action and a number of local campaigns. Important struggles lie ahead in the fight for decent pay, to defend rights at work and protect essential services. We are eager to play our part.

We were sorry to report the death of former Trades Council officer Joe Mitchell early in 2018.

Campaigning

During Heart Unions Week in February we supported BFAWU's **#McStrike** campaign through two leafletting sessions outside McDonald's Halifax branch. In May, we supported a protest organised by Unite outside **TGI Fridays** in Halifax in solidarity with striking workers campaigning for a fair tips policy.

We participated in the TUC's **Demand a new deal for working people** national march and rally in May. This was part

of the TUC's **Great Jobs Agenda**. We have also agreed to urge Calderdale Council to support the Great Jobs Agenda.

In conjunction with Unite Community Halifax & Calder Valley branch we **lobbied Calderdale's Budget Council meeting** in February to protest against the cuts to public services that have been forced on the council through eight years of austerity.

During this 70th Anniversary year, we have continued to support **NHS** campaigns such as trade union opposition to hospitals establishing **Wholly Owned Subsidiaries**, Hands off Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and Calderdale and Kirklees 999 Call for the NHS in opposing the proposals to reconfigure Hospital and Community Services in Calderdale and Huddersfield. We supported the **#OurNHS70 Free, For All, For Ever** national demonstration in London in June. We attended the 'Yorkshire March to Fund our NHS' demonstration organised by Health Campaigns Together in Leeds in April.

We have maintained our **opposition to racism and fascism** supporting demonstrations organised by Stand Up to Racism in Manchester in May and in London in November. In October, in conjunction with the International Brigades Memorial Trust, we organised an **exhibition** at Halifax Central Library and a **commemoration** at Manor Heath of **Halifax's Ralph Fox and other anti-fascist heroes who fought in the Spanish Civil War**.

We have had stalls or distributed Trades Council leaflets at seven events at **Square Chapel Arts Centre** in Halifax.

We are preparing an application for Listed Building Consent and will be fund raising towards erecting a plaque on North Bridge to **commemorate the people of Halifax who were fatally injured during the 1842 Great Strike**.

We have published a new leaflet to encourage people to join trade unions and to urge union branches to affiliate to the Trades Council. We also agreed to establish a **Pay and Welfare Group** within the Trades Council to oversee campaigning work on issues such as Sick of Being Skint! and Universal Credit.

We maintained our websites, Twitter account and Facebook pages to promote our own and other events.

Calderdale May Day



Calderdale Trades Council organised a second week long May Day programme featuring Banner Theatre and a May Day Rally **Make More Noise: Women's Voice**

100 years on from winning the vote. The programme also included films, a Love Music Hate Racism dance party and an exhibition. We are beginning to plan the programme for 2019. We wish to thank Calderdale NEU, Unite Nestlé, Pride Design and Print, Calderdale Libraries and others for their support. For more information go to: <https://mayday.calderdaletuc.org.uk>

Solidarity and affiliations

We are registered with the TUC as a Trades Union Council.

In conjunction with UNISON Calderdale we arranged for Cllr Jane Scullion, Calderdale's Deputy Mayor to unveil the new **Workers' Memorial Day** stone at Halifax Central Library in April.

We supported Unite Community's **Universal Credit day of action** at Halifax Job Centre in May.

We continued to support **Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign's** call for a full public inquiry into the actions of the police at the Orgreave coking plant on 18 June 1984 and took part in the campaign's Twitter Storms in August and October.

We sent a message of support to Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions **opposing the repression of Chinese labour activists.**

We have made donations to **Hull recycling workers, Kirklees bin workers, Birmingham home care workers** and **RMT Northern Rail strike funds**. We also donated to **National Justice for Miners' Christmas Appeal, Life for African Mothers, People's Assembly's February Emergency NHS demo** ; the **With Banners Held High** festival in Wakefield, at which we also marched; **Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom's** action to stop Murdoch's takeover of Sky; **999 Call for the NHS' legal action appeal; Friends of Durham Miners Gala; Townsend Theatre Productions; Hands off HRI judicial review appeal; Tolpuddle Radical Film Festival** and **The Plan** film on Lucas Aerospace workers' alternative plans in the face of redundancies.

During the year we agreed to affiliate to **Health Campaigns Together, Shrewsbury 24 Campaign and Unite Against Fascism**. We are also affiliated to **Cuba Solidarity Campaign, Hands Off HRI campaign, People's Assembly, Stand Up to Racism, Venezuela Solidarity Campaign** and **Yorkshire and the Humber Pensioners' Convention**.

Meetings

As well as our May Day Rally, we held a public meeting: **What Future for Food, Farming and Farmworkers after Brexit** in June. We held 11 Trades Council meetings over the year. Holly Lynch MP spoke at our April meeting. We have also hosted speakers on the **CWU Royal Mail dispute; the work of Unite Community branches; Kirklees Bin Workers dispute; Wholly owned subsidiaries in the NHS** and the **RMT Northern Rail dispute**.

The Trades Council submitted a motion opposing the establishment of **NHS Accountable Care organisations** to both the TUC Yorkshire & Humber AGM and the Trades Union Councils AGM via the West Yorkshire County Association of TUCs. The Trades Council also passed motions supporting the

People's Assembly Emergency NHS demo; Stand Up to Racism; CND's campaign to scrap Trident and urging participation in the government's Gender Recognition act consultation. We held a short reflection on the first anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire, followed by a minute's silence in June.

Looking ahead

We hope that the 2018 AGM will elect a strong, united team of officers to take the Trades Council forward in the struggles ahead. We need every trade union branch with members living or working in Calderdale to affiliate to Calderdale Trades Council. We need strengthen our movement and our campaigning through finding more effective ways of engaging with local union branches and encouraging greater participation.

We will continue to support workers in struggle, local campaigns against austerity, cuts to jobs and services and to protect our NHS.

Pete Keal, secretary

Officers and Committee 2017-2018

Chair: Mark O'Neill, UNISON Calderdale
Vice-Chair: Rowena Fehilly, PCS MoJ Greater Manchester
Secretary: Pete Keal, Equity Leeds & Region General
Asst Sec: Helen Roberts, UNISON Bradford Health (from May 2018)
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Calderdale Trades Council

Accounts for year 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018

	£
RECEIPTS	
TUC grants	300.00
Affiliation fees	216.80
Donations	1,183.20

TOTAL RECEIPTS	£1,700.00
PAYMENTS	
Campaign support	957.00
May Day	936.82
Publicity and advertising	112.50
Affiliation fees, etc.	169.00
Room hire	172.50
Travel and subsistence	314.84
Postage, print and stationery	43.15
Bank charges	25.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS	£2,730.81

EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	(£1,030.81)
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Statement of balances at 30 September 2018

£

Brought forward 01.10.17	£5,388.08
Add surplus / deduct deficit for year	(£1,030.81)
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Net funds 30.9.18	£4,357.27
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Bank and cash balances 30.9.18

Current account	£4,333.33
Petty cash	£23.94
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Bank and cash	£4,357.27
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*Pete Keal, secretary
treasurer*

Russell Dawson,

Auditor's report

I have examined the accounts, cashbooks, cheque and paying in books, bank statements, invoices, receipts and other financial documents of Calderdale Trades Council. In my opinion the accounts and statement of balances give a true and fair view of Calderdale Trades Council's finances as at 30 September 2018 and of the excess of payments over receipts for the year then ended.

Jane Rendle, auditor

Treasurer's report

Calderdale Trades Council Accounts to 30 September 2018 show that we spent £1049.49 more than we received in income. Compared with the previous year income was £443.05 less and expenditure was £377.12 greater.

Last year I reported that we are fortunate that currently the Trades Council had assets that it can use to support campaigns and struggles. However, this financial situation is rapidly deteriorating. It is now a matter of urgency that consider how we can raise additional funds so that we can continue to support the policies and actions that we wish to pursue.

Russell Dawson, treasurer

Affiliated Union Branches 2017-18

BFAWU Suma	UNISON Bradford Health
CWU Bradford & District Amlgtd	UNISON Calderdale
CWU Manchester Combined	UNISON Kirklees
CWU North West No. 1	UNISON South West Yorkshire
CWU West Yorkshire	Partnership Health
Equity Leeds & Region General	Unite Community Halifax &
FBU Calderdale Division	Calder Valley
GMB Brighouse General	Unite Marshalls NE/404/8
NEU Calderdale NUT section	Unite Nestlé
NUJ Leeds & Wakefield	Unite NE/209/1
PCS MoJ Greater Manchester	Unite W Yorks Retired Members
UCU University of Huddersfield	USDAW Leeds Private Trade