

8 September 2023

# What's On? 11 September - 17 September

This week PCS is holding a series of introductory courses on a range of topics. With the general secretary and assistant general secretary elections now underway, we want members to have their say and get involved in the unions democratic process.

## **General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary elections**

The process to elect our next general secretary and assistant general secretary is underway. Branches are invited to make nominations for candidates.

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## **PCS at TUC Congress in Liverpool**

Our delegation, led by PCS President Fran Heathcote, is heading to Liverpool this weekend for the 155th TUC Congress. We are holding a [fringe meeting at 12.45pm on Tuesday](#) (12).

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## **PCS Young Members Seminar - Ready to fight for their futures**

If you're a PCS member aged 27 or under, contact [organising@pcs.org.uk](mailto:organising@pcs.org.uk) to get involved with PCS young members. If you're not yet a PCS member [join now](#).

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## **Membership fee waivers**

You may be entitled to a waiver of your subscription fees if you go on to reduced or nil pay, and you will still be able to use our services and member benefits.

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## **Read our FAQs on disability**

If you're struggling in work because of a physical or mental health condition, this may be considered a disability and you'll be protected under equality legislation.

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## **LSE Women's Network - Coffee Morning**

**11 September: 10am - 11am**

London and the Southeast Women's network is having a virtual coffee morning. The event is being held via Teams, Come along for an informal chat about the issues of the day.

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## **Safe Passage for Refugees: PCS TUC Fringe event**

**12 September: 12:45am - 2pm**

The event will be chaired by PCS national president Fran Heathcote and speakers include: Mark Serwotka, PCS general secretary; Clare Moseley, founder of Care4Calais; Weyman Bennett, Stand up to Racism.

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## **British Sign Language ('taster' session)**

**12 September: 12:30pm - 1:30pm**

This bitesize session is an opportunity for members and reps to learn the basic principles of British Sign Language, as well as to learn how to sign some simple words.

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## **Neurodiversity in the Workplace stage 1**

**13 - 14 September: 9:30am - 4:30pm**

Sign up for our two day course and become a PCS Neurodiversity Champion.

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## **Organising & Industrial Relations**

**13 - 27 September: 10am - 4pm**

Sign up to this three day course to get more involved in building the union. This course is not just for Branch Organisers - it's for all activists!

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## **Advocates Next Steps**

**14 September: 12pm - 1pm**

The aim of this session is to continue to develop the skills of union advocates who have begun to carry out the role' and to give them confidence in talking to members to help build the union.

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## **Workplace Reps: Essential Building Blocks**

**15 - 20 September: 10am - 4pm**

This course is aimed at newly-appointed reps and union advocates. It will give you the skills and knowledge to effectively represent your members, covering organising, campaigning, negotiating, equality, and more.

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## **Register with PCS Digital to book yourself onto an upcoming course**

PCS courses and events are listed on [PCS Digital](#). To view and reserve spaces for upcoming events you'll need to log in. If you have not yet [registered](#) for PCS Digital, please do so.

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## **Check your details are up to date**

Make sure your personal and contact details are correct on [PCS Digital](#) so that we can contact you and send you important information.

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## **Get in touch**

Check out [our events page](#), [PCS Digital](#), or contact your local rep or [regional office](#) to find out what's going on this week and in the coming weeks.

Let us know what your group or branch is planning so we can publicise it in our weekly round-up. Email [web@pcs.org.uk](mailto:web@pcs.org.uk)

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