



Associate and Retired Members North West Committee Newsletter

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ARMS national forum in Liverpool

The ARMs Forum, which is effectively the Conference of the ARMs Group, will meet in the Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street Liverpool, on Wednesday 20 June, 9am to 4pm. This is an opportunity for all ARMs Members to influence the policy of ARMs and our relationship with the National Union and other campaigning bodies. PCS Conference agreed a Pay Ballot date and there is a motion from NW ARMs to our forum offering support during the period of the ballot.

PCS Conference has recently met and there was a motion carried which called for a review of ARMs and its relationship with the national union. This will help focus minds as we set policy during our Forum.

PCS Conference also agreed a key motion on pensions which North West ARMs have tabled a supplementary Emergency Motion to the forum to spell out policy on a living wage state pension and unity across generations.

Other key debates at the ARMs Forum are on Autonomy of ARMs Finances, Annual Elections, and Lifelong membership. Our new full time officials are Tracy Edwards and Chris Baugh Assistant General Secretary.

NHS is 70 – celebrate & demonstrate

Demonstration on Saturday 30 June 2018.
Assemble: 12pm at Portland Place, London W1A 1AA.

The nearest tubes: Oxford Circus & Great Portland Street.

March to Downing Street.

More info [here](#). Facebook page [here](#).

NW ARMs' Tony Mulhearn addressing the Lessons From The Liverpool 47 public meeting

The well-attended meeting took place at the Friends' Meeting House in Liverpool on 25 May.



Welcoming Trump to the UK

The Together Against Trump campaign has arranged a special welcome for the US President as he makes his first official visit to the UK since his inauguration. The 'national demonstration against his politics of racism, war, sexism and hate' will be on Friday 13 July.

This demonstration isn't just about Trump. The treatment of the Windrush generation has highlighted the British elite's tendency to racism and bigotry. This is a fight against our own 'hostile environment' as well as the US government.

Assemble for the march at 2pm at the BBC, Portland Place, W1A 1AA.
Rally at 5pm in Trafalgar Square.
Facebook page [here](#).

NW ARMS at TUC demo London

NW ARMS members marched at TUC's 'New Deal For Working People' demo in London on 12 May. The well-supported demo assembled at the Embankment, marched through London passing through Trafalgar Square along the way, and finished with speeches in Hyde Park.



Barry Fuge (left) and Steve Ion with the banner



Neville Grundy flying the flag



The TUC at 150

PCS North West ARMs were represented through the North West Pensioners at a special event held in Manchester to celebrate 150 years since the formation of the TUC. The first TUC Congress passed a resolution "that it is highly desirable that the trades of the United Kingdom should hold an annual congress for the purpose of bringing the trades into closer alliance and to take action in all Parliamentary matters pertaining to the general interests of the working classes"

The first congress was held on 4 May 1868 and was called by Manchester and Salford Trades Council. The event in Manchester on 3 June 2018 had keynote speakers covering the priorities for the TUC over the next twelve months:

An effective industrial strategy that delivers jobs and increased workers democracy in industry and workers' rights generally.

A jobs agenda anti-zero hours & pro-work rights.

A Young Workers Campaign the MacDonald's Dispute was a key example of this.

There was a social afterwards and local MPs spoke at a presentation.

NW ARMS at the anti-racism demo in Manchester



Future Meetings - check blog tiny.cc/a-nw for info.

NW Committee: 5 Sep, 25 Jan, 27 Feb

NW officers: 14 Aug, 4 Dec.

Lancashire group: details to follow on blog.

Manchester group: 29 Jun, 28 Sep, 25 Jan + committee on 1st Friday of month.

Merseyside group: 28 Jun, 17 Sep, 10 Dec.