



Week 44 2016

w/c 31st October 2016

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8th November AND 6th December	Tackling Organisational Stress UCU training course, Birmingham For UCU safety reps, branch officers and other reps who want to learn more about how to tackle organisational stress. Participants should have previously completed either UCU safety reps induction, Reps induction, Learning reps or Equality reps training before applying for a place. Apply online	21/9/16
Wednesday 9th November	Durham Teaching Assistants lobby & rally, Durham Show your support on the second full day of strike action UNISON press release and flyer	NEW! 2/11/16
9th – 11th November	Rep 1 : Induction training, Newcastle Register online NB: Full attendance on all 3 days is required.	
Thursday 10th November	Industrial Law Society : Alternative Dispute Resolution / Judicial Assessment Information and how to register	26/10/16
Friday 18th November	UCU Branch briefing : Equal Pay, Newcastle Branches are asked to send at least one delegate to the briefing. Information and online registration	24/10/16
Saturday 19th November	UCU/NUS United for Education action, London Read about it and find a coach to London #Nov19	31/10/16
w/c 21st November	National Recruitment Week ucunorthern.org.uk/event/nrw-nov2016 Please start thinking what your branch will do during NRW.	21/9/16
Thursday 24th November	'Stamp out Casual Contracts' day of action during UCU National Recruitment Week Branches are asked to organise recruitment or campaigning events targeted at staff on precarious contracts for this day. Read about the action tell us what you're doing and order materials here #Anticas16	10/10/16
Saturday 26th November	TUC Reclaim the night, Newcastle Information and how to register	27/10/16

Thursday 1st December	Industrial Law Society : Covenants, confidentiality and injunctions - What's new? Information and how to register	26/10/16
Monday 5th December	TUC Bitesize briefing, Newcastle: Domestic Violence Workplace Champions Information and how to register	NEW! 3/11/16
19th & 20th January	TUC Women and Leadership programme, Newcastle Closing date for applications is 16 th December Information and how to register	NEW! 3/11/16
Friday 27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day Read about it and watch the video 'How can life go on?'	31/10/16
Saturday 4th February	Regional Committee, Newcastle	2/8/16
Thursday 9th February	Industrial Law Society : The European Social Charter and its significance for UK Labour Law Information and how to register	26/10/16
Thursday 16th March	Industrial Law Society : Brexit - Where are we? Information and how to register	26/10/16
Saturday 1st April	Regional Committee, Carlisle	2/8/16
26th – 28th April	Rep 2 : Representing members training, Newcastle Register online NB: Full attendance on all 3 days is required.	
8th July	Durham Miners' Gala	2/8/16
<p><i>Disclaimer: While we do conduct checks to keep this calendar up to date, for events not organised by UCU, the inclusion of the event on this calendar does not guarantee that tickets / places are available, or that the event will definitely take place.</i></p>		

John Birtwistle

27/10/16

John Birtwistle who worked at Monkwearmouth College in the 1970's passed away on Monday the 17th October. John was active in the Northern Region and was Regional Chair before he went to work at Chippenham College, Wiltshire.

While there, John was Regional Secretary of the Western Region for many years until he took ill-health retirement. John was a member of the NEC for many years and served on many committees, serving as Chair of the Membership services Committee for some years. John was a dedicated Trade Unionist and did much good work in NATFHE and the ATTI before it.

John was Northern Region's first ever Designated Representative to Conference Steering Committee in the first years that system was introduced. In later years he worked with Ray Grace and Norman Jemison on the Conference Steering Committee, many years as its Chair in place of Ray.

He retired from the Weymouth Borough Council at this year's May elections after at least 15 years as a Councillor. In recognition of this service he was made an Alderman of the Borough of Weymouth. Norman attended the ceremony on the 30th June and then spent 3 weeks with John on his boat sailing the canals of France. John was 71, just weeks short of his 72nd birthday. He will be sadly missed by all those who were close to him.

John will be cremated at the Crematorium in Weymouth at 2.30 pm on Friday 4th November.

Norman Jemison

ucunorthern.org.uk/roc includes details of our region's recruitment and organising:

25/7/16

- ❖ **"Tell us what matters" recruitment stall campaign**
ucunorthern.org.uk/tell-us-what-matters-campaign
- ❖ **"I'm in the union because" online recruitment / awareness campaign** ucunorthern.org.uk/in-the-union-because
- ❖ **Regional business cards** ucunorthern.org.uk/businesscards
- ❖ **Show us your #UCUmugshot workload/stress/ awareness campaign** ucunorthern.org.uk/ucumugshot
- ❖ **New job, join UCU recruitment campaign**
ucunorthern.org.uk/newjob-joinucu

Distribution of regional communications to branches, activists & members:
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online communication is
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