

Briefing Note: TUC Rally in London on the 12th May 'NEW DEAL FOR WORKING PEOPLE'

Dear Colleagues

The TUC is organising a march and rally on Saturday 12th May 2018, in London. The event is entitled '**A new Deal for Working People**' under the theme of the Great Jobs Agenda. The TUC is encouraging participation from the WTUC and the STUC.

For NASUWT we will clearly be marching and rallying for 'New Deal for Teachers' and other unions are expected to do the same for the groups of workers they represent.

The TUC's aim is to secure a turn-out of over 200,000 and the NASUWT has been given a mobilisation target figure of 13,000 as its contribution to the turn-out.

The form up for the March will be a on the Embankment for the march to start at 11.00am and the rally will start at 1pm in Hyde Park. Details of where the NASUWT will collect and other logistical information, including coach parks and assembly points, will be provided nearer the time.

The NASUWT will be supporting the event and we will want to generate as much support as possible. Over the next few weeks we will be sending general information out to members encouraging their participation but it will be important for local associations to build for attendance by circulating information locally and encouraging attendance from members and their families. The TUC intends this to be a family-friendly event. We will provide materials which can be circulated and handed out at meetings. It will also be important to promote the event in local newsletters and on social media.

Funding for participation of members from their associations will be a matter for each local association. Given the timing of the event overnight accommodation should not be required either the night before or on the evening of the 12th May. Any local association which finds itself in financial difficulties as a result of organising for the event should raise this with the National Treasurer.

Your Regional and National Centres will co-ordinate the transport arrangements to make sure that the most cost-effective deals are secured on coaches and/or trains and will be liaising with local associations, regional committees and National Executive Members and will also be in touch with regional TUCs on the arrangements they are making. It will be important for local associations to inform their regional centre of the numbers of places they will require as soon as possible, so that the best deals for booking can be secured.

Local associations are encouraged to organise to bring their local and regional banners to the event. The NASUWT nationally will bring the National Banner and in addition will be supplying regions with the usual handflags, whistles, badges etc to distribute to those travelling to London to make sure that we have our usual impressive and distinct 'sea of blue' on the journey to London and particularly on the march at the rally itself. We will also be giving flags etc out on the day at the assembly point in London.

Unions will be asked by the TUC to provide stewards for their own section of the March. I would be grateful if those of you who would be prepared to act as NASUWT stewards would let me know by the end of March.

This communication is the first of a series of communications you will receive over the next few weeks about the arrangements and we will also post information on the NASUWT website.

Thank you as always for your support. I know that you will all work hard to ensure that the NASUWT has an excellent turnout at the event as you have always done in the past.

All best wishes.



Chris Keates (Ms)

General Secretary

Colleagues,

Further to the email you received earlier today about the TUC rally in London on the 12th May, please find the attached train ticket prices.

12th May Train Prices		
Departing from	Outbound Advance	Inbound Advance
Manchester	£23	£23
Stockport	£23	£23
Oxenholme	£22	£31
Lancaster	£23.50	£34
Preston	£23	£30
Wigan	£23	£29
Warrington	£23	£29
Chester	£24	£24
Crewe	£15.50	£15.50
Liverpool	£17	£17
Runcorn	£17	£24

These prices have been taken from the Virgin Trains website. The prices are likely to increase rapidly with the high demand which this TUC rally is likely to generate. Please reserve the number of tickets that your Local Association wants from us by the end of this week. **The deadline is Friday 2nd March.** Please complete the attached reservation form to inform us of how many tickets your Local Association requires and return it to us at rc-northwest@mail.nasuwt.org.uk

We really would like to see a large turn-out for this event so please try to encourage as many members as possible to attend. Please note, as the original email stated, Local Associations will be asked to fund the cost of travel to this event therefore we are trying to secure the most cost effective option by booking as early as possible.

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Many thanks

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