

Vote YES in the ballot!

TIME TO TAKE SIDES AND STRIKE TO WIN

THE CWU BALLOT IS OPEN. Now Royal Mail's 100,000 plus members of the CWU have a chance to vote on which side they are on in this fight to defend the Four Pillars. The bosses have refused to budge on a whole series of issues at the heart of the union's campaign.

This is about drawing a line in the sand to say that we will not accept these attacks, which are about undermining the postal service, worsening conditions for Royal Mail workers, and all in the interests of profit.

Every CWU member should vote YES in the ballot to take a stand to defend the Four pillars.

And every member should actively organise in their workplace to get the biggest YES vote and the biggest turnout possible in the ballot.

Confidence

The call from CWU for Gate Meetings last week was an excellent initiative that was widely taken up across the union.

It has really got the momentum rolling, with offices across the country sharing pictures of big, confident turnouts from members.

It's clear CWU is fighting to build the campaign solidly with maximum involvement from the grassroots.

CWU's initiative to run 'The biggest trade union meeting in history' streamed live on Facebook that saw an estimated 35,000 taking part was a real boost.

Every member needs to do what they can to ensure this translates into a big YES vote, a turnout that breaks through the Tories' draconian Trade Union Act's new thresholds, and a strike to shake the bosses into submission.

The CWU is currently leading inside the wider trade union movement—and it was great to see last week out of the TUC Congress, unions across industries and sectors pledging support for this dispute, and congratulating the union on mobilising a confident national fight.



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It was also fantastic to have solidarity from Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell—this shines a spotlight on the dispute, helps generate much wider solidarity across the movement, and helps maximise the political pressure on Royal Mail to back down.

Maximise

This dispute has the potential not only to win for CWU members in Royal Mail, but to have a much bigger impact in lifting the confidence of workers across other sectors who are facing similar attacks.

With the hope offered by Corbyn's manifesto, the encouraging outcome of the general election, and the Tories on the ropes, the heat is rising over the question of pay.

And that's the case whether it's opposition to the public sector pay cap,

or the inspiring McDonald's strikers who are fighting for £10 an hour.

In this context, a national dispute like the CWU's—which so far has shown the kind of confidence, determination and energy we need to take on the Tories' attacks—can lead the way for workers everywhere, showing that it's possible to strike nationally after the Trade Union Act.

We need hard hitting action—one day strike just won't cut it.

Uplifting

The campaign to build the YES vote has been impressive and uplifting, everyone needs to keep their foot on the pedal to win the YES vote, and the union needs to be prepared to call strikes quickly to show Royal Mail we're serious about this fight.

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