

The National Shop Stewards Network, set up last July, aims to bring together shop stewards/workplace reps to:

- Organise support for local struggles
- Highlight successful actions and help defend victimised workers
- Generalise these experiences and provide a forum to discuss the way forward

We urge you to send delegates from your workplace, union or trades council.



## Shop Stewards Network

For justice in the workplace, workers' rights, solidarity and equality - trade union freedom



# National Shop Stewards Network second conference

Saturday 28 June  
11.30am to 4.30 pm  
registration from 10.30am

South Camden Community school,  
Charrington Street, London NW1  
(Near King's Cross/Euston stations)

Speakers include:

Bob Crow RMT  
Mark Serwotka PCS  
Brian Caton POA

Plus shop stewards from disputes  
around the country

*All shop stewards and workplace reps are invited  
to the conference*

This was the statement agreed at 7 July 2007 conference:

### National Shop Stewards Network – Founding Basis

A National Shop Stewards Network should be set up on the following basis:

- 1. Participation and support is a matter for individual TUC affiliated trade unions.**
- 2. The National Shop Stewards Network will be made up of bona fide rank and file TUC affiliated trade union workplace representatives. The participation of full time trade union officials would be as observers with speaking rights.**
- 3. It would not encroach on the established organisation and recruitment activity or interfere in the internal affairs and elections of TUC affiliated trade unions or the functions of the TUC.**
- 4. The aim of the Network would be:**
  - To offer support to TUC affiliated trade unions in their campaigns and industrial disputes;
  - To offer support to existing workplace committees and trades councils.

### Sponsor the National Shop Stewards Network

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Please add our name to sponsor the conference:

We enclose a cheque for ..... (suggested minimum £50)

We would like to register delegates for the conference:

Number of delegates .....

Names of delegates: .....

£5 per delegate – Cheques made payable to:

National Shop Stewards Network

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## Provisional timetable for the conference

11.30 1st plenary session

**Dave Chapple**, chair NSSN

**Mark Serwotka**, PCS general secretary

**Onay Kasab**, Greenwich Unison secretary

**Karen Reissmann**, Unison and victimised trade unionist

**Brian Caton**, POA general secretary

12.45 Lunch

13.30 Workshops (see opposite page)

15.00 Afternoon break

15.15 Final plenary session

**Linda Taaffe**, secretary NSSN

**Rob Williams**, Unite and convenor Visteon Swansea

**Caroline Johnson**, Birmingham City Unison secretary

**Bob Crow**, RMT general secretary

16.30 Closure

## Workshops:

1. Organising young workers in the workplace.
2. Pay struggles and how the bosses will try to make us pay for their economic crisis.
3. Trade unions and the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.
4. Organising migrant workers and the fight against racism in the workplace.
5. Privatisation and the use of the voluntary sector (with particular emphasis on education).
6. Fighting to keep our pension rights.
7. Abortion and the fight for women's rights in the workplace.
8. History of the shop stewards' movement.
9. Debate, the crisis of political representation for the trade unions.

