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## National Shop Stewards Network Pre-TUC Congress Action Summit

1pm Sunday 16 October Holiday Inn, Brighton



The National Shop Stewards Network (NSSN) has rearranged its pre-TUC congress event to Sunday 16 October in Brighton, to set out a fighting programme for the reconvened TUC Congress, which now takes place October 18-20.

The NSSN event is even more important because the strike wave is back on. On 30 September, 115,000 CWU members in Royal Mail will recommence their action and the next day 50,000 rail workers will join them in RMT and Aslef. And 1 October will also see 2,500 dockers in Liverpool and Felixstowe in the midst of their weeks of action. These strikes will be taking place during ten days of action being taken by UCU members in 26 further education colleges, as well as rolling action by Unison members in over 20 universities. Also, local strikes such as that of the Newham binworkers has started again and has been escalated. In addition, public sector unions are starting to move to national industrial action ballots on pay.

The TUC's lobby of parliament has been shifted as well, from 19 October to Wednesday 2 November. Its timing lends itself even more to be a vital platform to build coordinated strike action. The TUC and the unions must mobilise to make it a mass mid-week demonstration, that can reach out to all workers fighting the cost-of-living crisis, and working-class people facing huge energy prices.

The proposal by Truss's chancellor to remove the caps on bankers' bonuses shows their priority - to protect profits at the expense of workers' pay. And if Truss moves to implement her threatened new anti-union measures, the unions should call a 24-hour general strike.

The NSSN pre-TUC Congress event is now an action summit. This is in order to bring together striking union reps and members or those moving into action - to demand that the unions coordinate action so that millions of workers across the private and public sectors, all struggling to keep a roof above their families' heads, can strike together. It will be a hybrid event – so that all those who can't make it to Brighton can take part online.

Details will be posted on the NSSN website – www.shopstewards.net.

- If you want to attend the NSSN TUC Rally and need transport email us via info@ shopstewards.net.
- To mak e a donation to the NSSN, and/or get your union branch/trades council to affiliate for an annual fee of £50, make a cheque out to 'National Shop Stewards Network' and post to NSSN, PO Box 54498, London E10 9DE or pay online: HSBC – sort code 40-06-41, account number 90143790.

