Strike Action a Success in Hackney

Thousands of Hackney workers take action in defence of pensions. Libraries schools and depots shut in biggest day of action for decades.

As the sun rose over the Town Hall on a cold November morning Hackney Unison members were already on the pickets standing defiantly in defence of public sector pensions. The strike in Hackney was well attended and although we have not yet compiled all the figures we had great turnout on the day. The vast majority of schools, all but one library and depots such as Florfield Road were all shut on the day. Estate Cleaners and Grounds Maintenance staff, Gardeners and Rangers also took action in large numbers. The Hackney Homes call centre was taking emergency calls only. Mental Health services were significantly reduced and scores of other sections such as the DAAT saw high numbers of staff on strike. Hackney also featured heavily in the media being covered in the Telegraph and Guardian as well as on local and international radio. Hundreds attended the rally outside the Town Hall at 10.30 before marching to Homerton Hospital to join members from various unions on the pickets there. Although it was a good solid day of action this is just the beginning of a struggle for decent pensions which is likely to last for some time. Members may need to take further action in the future if we are to beat this disgraceful government and its plans to smash the public sector. Going on Strike is hard and Hackney Unison understands the pressure it puts on our members however we must continue to stand strong because if we allow this government to hoodwink us into giving up our pensions we will never ever get them back again!
Election Results 2012

Nominations for branch officers closed on 9th December 2011. The following nominations were received:

Matthew Waterfall      Branch Secretary       Elected Unopposed
Kathy Hamilton         Treasurer                    Elected Unopposed
Brian Gardner          Welfare Officer          Elected Unopposed
Mandy Richards         Publicity Officer         Elected Unopposed
Helen Toner            Education Officer      Elected Unopposed
Lee Ray                Health and Safety      Elected Unopposed
Grainne O’Kill         Equalities Officer       Elected Unopposed
Valerie Easmon- George International Officer                          Elected Unopposed

Two nominations have been received for the post of Branch Chair from the following members:

Lee Ray
Claire Bunker

There will therefore be an election held for the position of Branch Chair. The election will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting. Whoever is elected as Branch Chair will take office following the Annual General Meeting. The timetable for elections is below:

Deadline for submission of motions to the AGM: Friday 16th December 2011
Deadline for submission of election statements: Friday 16th December 2011
Deadline for amendments to motions: Friday 20th January 2012
Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 1st February 2012

The Branch is also still accepting nominations to the post of Membership Officer as none were received before the close of nominations on 9th December. If you are interested in standing for this post please complete and return the form below to the branch office.