



PROTECT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE MARCH AND RALLY

OUR WORKERS' RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK AGAIN

Forty years ago, GCHQ workers were banned from joining a trade union. Twenty-seven years ago they won back that right. Today, the government is restricting the right to strike for over five million workers.

Celebrate our history. Protest against the government. Stand up for your rights. We have won before. We will win again. **Protect the right to strike.**

JOIN US AT

**MONTPELLIER GARDENS
CHELTENHAM | SATURDAY
27 JANUARY | 12PM**
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BAN OF TRADE UNIONS AT GCHQ AND THE UNION FIGHTBACK

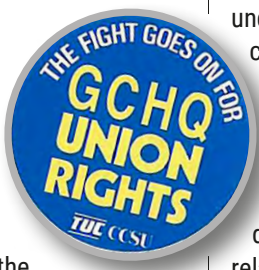


40 years ago, Margaret Thatcher's government announced its decision to impose a total ban on trade union membership at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). Staff were ordered to resign their membership or face dismissal – 14 refused to do so and were sacked.

For more than 13 years, a small group of brave GCHQ staff and their unions campaigned for the right to belong to a union, commanding huge support throughout the labour movement. Their principled and sustained campaign ended in 1997, when the Labour government overturned the ban on unions. Staff at GCHQ are now members of PCS.



The right to organise collectively to protect people in and out of work is a fundamental human right. Come to our event to learn from the past and celebrate the trailblazing campaign to restore workers' rights at GCHQ.



THREATS TO THE RIGHT TO STRIKE TODAY

The fight for our union rights is not over. Last year, the Tories launched their latest move to restrict workers' rights, introducing the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act. The law stipulates that when workers in certain sectors lawfully vote to strike, they could be forced to attend work – and sacked if they don't comply. This undemocratic new law could curtail the right to strike for 1 in 5 workers.



This is the last thing our crumbling public services or our dedicated frontline workers need – these draconian laws will poison industrial relations and drag out disputes. Ministers are punishing paramedics and rail staff for daring to stand up for decent pay and better services.

But make no mistake. We won't stand by and let workers get sacked for defending their pay and conditions. And we won't rest until this law has been repealed.

Our message is loud and clear. The entire trade union movement will rally behind any worker who loses their fundamental right to strike.



The right to strike is a fundamental British liberty. We must defend it at all costs. Join our march and rally on 27 January.