

H&C NEWS

Official RMT Newsletter of the Hammersmith & City Branch

Secretary's Welcome

It has been a busy few months on LUL, with threats to Pensions, Jobs, and working conditions- what a way to thank us for our dedicated service through COVID! This is the first new-style H&C Newsletter which we intend to publish quarterly. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Station Grades Strike

A 24 hour strike has been called for all Station Grades Staff. This is because of management refusing to back down over the loss of 600 station staff, and we know this is just the start! We need to show them that Station Staff will not stand for these savage cuts! **Station Grades and Revenue Grades are instructed NOT TO BOOK ON for any shifts that commence between 00:01 hours and 23:59 hours on Monday 6th June 2022. Also not to work any overtime or rest days between 00:01 hours on Friday 3rd June and 23:59 hours on Sunday 10th July 2022.**



All Out!

Members are congratulated on the two day Strike Action which took place across the whole of the Network recently. Your Branch Officials are massively proud of all H&C Members for making this strike a success. Signallers refused to signal, Station Supervisors refused to Supervise, Controllers refused to Control, Station Assistants refused to Assist, and Train Drivers refused to Drive Trains!

Together we made sure not a single C&H Train turned a wheel over those two days, that is a massive achievement despite some management and members of other Unions crossing picket lines!

Your Reps and Officials were on Picket Lines alongside members at Hammersmith, Edgware Road Depot and Kings Cross. Thanks to all for standing in the rain for hours!

Without a doubt, we have made management pause for thought! But, the threat of 600 station staff jobs is still on the table, which is why Action has been called for Station Grades for Monday the 6th June. See left for more info.

Congratulations to members of sister Trade Unions who respected Picket Lines with dignity, and refused to go into work.

Incident Reporting

Have you been involved in an incident? A safety incident, something happening on the gateline, a delay caused by issues on the track? You're entitled to see any IRF that's been written about you, just like you're entitled to see any document they have with your name on it. If you want to get an IRF after something's happened, ask a manager - and if they don't provide it, get in touch with Tony Collins, who will help you get it.

BTP

We are still campaigning for more BTP on the stations. Despite the recent increase in assaults/abuse, there is still a lack of presence. All staff are encouraged to report any such incidents ASAP!

Paddington Suburban

Caution- Slippery when wet... The local H&S team have been campaigning for improvements in the booking hall following multiple slips during wet weather! Management have now accepted the issue, and plans are in place to fix the substandard flooring causing these slips.

Mark Harding Expelled

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Mark with protestors on the Picket Line at Unity House.



Your Assistant Branch Secretary, Mark Harding, has been expelled from the RMT for partaking in peaceful protests at RMT Head Office, over the disgraceful sacking of Petrit Mihaj. Petrit was ruthlessly made redundant by the RMT, despite as a Union we insist on a 'no compulsory redundancies' policy with all employers! Mark along with four other RMT members have all been expelled.

Mark is known to many members, and has represented countless over his decades of loyal service to the Union.

Please email the General Secretary Mick Lynch on m.lynch@rmt.org.uk to complain about the shameful treatment of Bro Harding.

VOTE YES !!

Finally, you should now be receiving Ballot Papers. We know that our Pensions, Pay, and T&C's are still under threat... It is VITAL that all members VOTE YES and post their Ballots off ASAP. If you don't receive a ballot paper, contact your local rep!

Contact Details- Branch Officials and Reps

There are numerous Branch Officials and Reps in the H&C Branch, to find your local Rep or Branch official, **SCAN THE QR CODE** with your smartphone. We Represent members at all stations from Hammersmith (H&C)- Kings X (excluding Baker St), Edgware Road & Hammersmith Train-Crew Depots, Hammersmith SCC, Cleaning Grades, and Buses. If you work at one of these locations YOU have a local RMT Rep team. You can also contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Flatman, on hammersmithcity@rmt.org.uk or 07716 815 405 for further assistance or to find out who your rep is.

