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# Who Should Be RMT General Secretary?

Attend the next branch meeting and have your say



Current General Secretary Mick Cash is to retire after 40 years with the RMT.

Following the announcement that RMT General Secretary Mick Cash is to retire, an election campaign has begun and branches, including ours, are nominating their choice for general secretary.

Each candidate is required to obtain the nominations of at least ten branches in order to make it onto the ballot paper at which point all RMT members will get a vote to decide who will be our next General Secretary.

There are currently four candidates standing, all of whom will be invited to attend the meeting which will be

held via Zoom on the 16th of December at 4pm.

### The candidates

John Leach	Steve Hedley
Gordon Martin	Mick Lynch

Join us at branch to hear them explain why they are standing.

The role of the General Secretary is to carry out the decisions of the National Executive Council, in effect to enact the rulings of the unions decision making body, decisions which start out often as branch or conference motions written and debated by grass roots members.

It is essential that members log in to our next branch meeting and have a say; this is our opportunity to play a direct role in who our next General Secretary will be.

### Who represents you?

Jubilee South branch elected local representatives and officials at our November Annual General Meeting. If you are in a location with a vacancy and are interested in standing, get in touch.

#### Officials

Branch Secretary: Eamonn Lynch  
Branch Chair: Jane Gwyn

Assistant Secretary: Mick McDonnell  
Vice Chair: Barrie Pike

Membership Officer: Peter North  
Green Officer: Jane Gwyn  
Political Officer: Barrie Pike  
Union Learner rep: Chris Fitzgerald  
Young members' officer: Vacant  
Trustees: Barrie Pike and Sinead Grimes

#### Local reps

##### Trains

SFD DT industrial rep: Peter North  
H&S rep: Graham Stanbridge

NOG DT Industrial: Mick McDonnell  
H&S rep: Matt Minter

##### Stations

Jubilee East Industrial: Barrie Pike  
H&S rep: Danny Tomlinson

Jubilee South IR: Eamonn Lynch  
H&S rep: Shamim Ahmed

Jubilee Central IR: Vacancy  
H&S rep: Shakeil Juliam

Jubilee South branch is held monthly on LUL pay day at 1600, currently virtually via Zoom. Ask your rep or Branch Secretary Eamonn Lynch for details - 07578769943 / [eamonnlynchrmt@outlook.com](mailto:eamonnlynchrmt@outlook.com).

# Jubilee South branch news

## **sodexo ditches compulsory redundancy plan following RMT ballot threat**

Following RMT announcement of the decision to ballot Sodexo canteen workers, over its restructuring plans including 30 job cuts across TfL sites. Our Regional Organiser John Leach met with the Company and it has now been confirmed that Sodexo no longer intends to make any compulsory redundancies.

The National Executive Committee has congratulated all members, our reps and officer for their tireless work to prevent the planned redundancies amongst catering members working in London Underground canteens.

This achievement was as a direct result of the efforts and commitment of all those affected and demonstrates the benefits of RMT membership and organisation.

There are still current vacancies for RMT reps at Sodexo. If you are interested in becoming an RMT Rep please contact branch secretary Eamonn Lynch using the details on the front of this newsletter, or talk with a local rep or activist.

### **...But cuts have been made and the fight goes on**

RMT made several gains in talks with Sodexo over job cuts. However, Sodexo has pushed ahead and redundancies and restructuring is now well under way at the company. RMT reps have been, and are available to assist any employee going through the process. In our branch area a lot of work has been done to assist Sodexo workers in redundancy meetings with those that have been supported pleased that they decided to join this union!



The RMT is looking to continue to build membership in the catering grade and to enable Sodexo workers to take on the role of representative themselves. This is something the union and branch will support you with should you be interested. This won't be the last time Sodexo tries to impose detrimental changes on canteen workers and all canteen staff are urged to join the RMT so we can fight back stronger than before.



## **Tube workers must not pay for the crisis**

The government has agreed a six-month, £1.8 billion funding bailout for TfL. The deal does not include many of the concessions the Tories were pushing for, including the extension of the congestion charge zones, fare increases, and cuts to concessionary travel for under-18s and over-60s.

The government's letter outlining the terms of the settlement continues to bang the "driverless trains" drum, demanding that TfL "works with a government led expert review on the possible implementation of driverless trains."

As we all know, this has nothing to do with improving efficiency, safety, or service, and everything to do with the Tories' ideological war against organised labour.

Andy Byford, the TfL commissioner, told unions on Sunday 1 November that there will be "no changes to jobs, pay, conditions, and benefits, or breaking of contracts with suppliers" as part of the current funding package.

That's an important guarantee, which unions need to be prepared to take action to enforce if bosses appear to renege on it in any way. But this may only have kicked the can down the road.

The commissioner said their plans for 2021 would aim to "achieve further efficiencies." TfL has committed to being "self-financing" by 2023.

- This article is taken from *Tubeworker*.

## **RMT secures important assurances over ABM introduction of mobile devices**

The RMT has been in ongoing discussions with ABM over its introduction of mobile devices and following these talks led by Regional Organiser John Leach, a number of important assurances and protections have been secured for members, including:-

- Loss of connection to a mobile device will not have any impact on pay
- Staff will not be tracked during a shift
- The replacement of damaged or lost devices will be dealt with sensibly and the employer accepts that loss or

damage can occur in spite of members acting in good faith

These assurances are similar to those that RMT has obtained from other employers under the TfL umbrella, including from London Underground and demonstrate the benefits that can be achieved with a strong Union membership.



RMT will of course remain vigilant on these issues and any member who is not treated in accordance with these assurances should raise the matter with their Rep or an RMT Officer.