

# RMT NEWS

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## Covid Working Arrangements Continue *AMs can't pull current rosters at local level*

**ABYSMAL AS USUAL. Some AMs are endangering our members' health and safety by trying to tear up the Covid working arrangements on stations without consultation with our reps.**

For more than a year the RMT has sought to keep our members safe at work whilst still delivering a service during the pandemic.

The Covid working arrangements on stations are based on an official agreement, (see below) signed off at Stations Functional Council by RMT and LU and are designed to minimise close proximity between staff and between staff and the public; this agreement was hard won and remains in place. It has NOT been withdrawn.

The agreement says there is to be no unilateral return to 'business as usual' rosters without management first consulting with your Tier 2 Safety reps and your Stations Functional Council reps. We are perfectly aware that working arrangements will have to change as we emerge

from lockdown and workplaces open and social and commercial life speeds up, but we won't allow this to happen at the expense of our safety. A small number of Area Managers made repeated attempts last year to break these agreements, and were rebuffed, but this accelerated over the weekend with more AMs, (and small number of CSMs unfortunately) feigning ignorance about how

change might occur and acting unilaterally. As far as we are aware, this has now been stopped by the intervention of RMT's reps.

The pandemic is NOT over. The risk of infection and illness remains. The need for adequate social distancing measures is still a

primary concern. On every station all members need to discuss the changing situation with each other, raise concerns with their safety and industrial reps and challenge any unsafe or unagreed working arrangements.

For clarity: business as usual means management have to respect the Machinery of Negotiation and go through the reps to discuss how we

keep our members safe.

All of this is occurring in the shadow of Workers' Memorial Day, 28th April. This is the day the labour movement honours those workers who have died at work in the course of earning a living for themselves and earning big profits for the bosses, but is also part of a fighting campaign to win better, safer working conditions in the workplace.

### Safety, Equality, Solidarity!



RMT London Transport Region is hosting a panel focusing on women's health and safety in the workplace, for International Workers Memorial Day. The event will take place at 5pm on the 28th April. There are more details at [bit.ly/3e7fmyD](https://bit.ly/3e7fmyD)

Please join us; a link to the meeting will be available soon from your local rep or branch secretary.

### Our Agreement

*"Local Level One committees may meet within the normal machinery to review local arrangements and discuss potential revisions and amendments to respond to the changing situation; disagreements can be escalated to Level Two in the normal way. However, while this agreement remains in place, there will be no unilaterally imposed return to full pre-pandemic working arrangements on any local area."*

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# INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

## 28TH APRIL 2021 > 5PM



**MARIE HARRINGTON**

Plooodilly & District West Branch

- LEVEL 2 REP, NWAAC MEMBER, BRANCH SEC

**MEL MULLINGS**

Bakerloo Branch

- REP, TUBE DRIVER, BEM MEMBER

**LINDA MARTIN**

Fleet Branch

- REP, TEST TRAIN OPERATOR

**JANINE BOOTH**

Flinsbury Park Branch

- REP, TUTOR, DNAC MEMBER

**CAT CRAY**

Neasden Branch

- REGIONAL HR&S OFFICER, TIER 2 REP, MEMBERSHIP SEC

**SHELLY ASQUITH**

Trade Union Congress

- TUC HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

### SAFETY EQUALITY SOLIDARITY

a conversation about  
womens health &  
safety



Broadcasting **live** on RMT London  
Transport Regions **YouTube** channel  
—specific meeting details for members to follow—

