

Willesden Green Group: **Vote YES**

RMT Ballots Willesden Green Station staff after branch meeting "mobbed" by members



LUL Willesden Green Group Station Staff – Dismissal of Colleen Johnston, Station Supervisor

Members on the Willesden Green Group have asked via their Branch for a ballot in support of their dismissed colleague, Station Supervisor Colleen Johnston.

Nothing short of her unconditional reinstatement will do.

Colleen got at a call at work to say her child has suffered a fall sustaining a head injury and there was a desperate need to get home. She tried to contact her DSM who was constantly engaged, so she advised another colleague of the situation who undertook to inform the DSM of the situation which he did.

As a consequence of this, all sorts of charges were thrown at Colleen including deliberately trying to avoid a D&A test (not true with medical evidence to support this) and disobeying an instruction that no supervisors were to leave site (not true because no such instruction was given). Furthermore, she was not the only person to leave work that day, but nobody else was suspended, investigated or disciplined to the level Colleen has been subject to.

But the facts are that Colleen's child did sustain an injury that day and there is proof to support this. And it is also true that Colleen had been highly active in helping with organising a dispute on the station group earlier this year.

The whole thing stinks of local management looking to settle scores and they are using the most flimsiest of opportunities to do so. They cannot be allowed to get away with it. The Branch meeting that called for this ballot was "mobbed" by members from Willesden Green Station Group and this is surely indicative of how the ballot will turn out on 3rd December. - *Extract from Circular No. 1R. 339/09*



VOTE YES TO STRIKE ACTION, AND ACTION SHORT OF STRIKE ACTION

NEASDEN BRANCH MEETING : 16:00

NEASDEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17:00

WEDNESDAY 09th December The Torch Public house , Wembley

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Detrainment on Special Working??

***Spare train operators are being instructed to
detrain at West Hampstead on weekends***



It is well known that during weekend shut downs, Spare Wembley Park Train Operators are being sent to West Hampstead, to 'detrain'. Detrainment should be carried out by a minimum of Two Customer Service Assistants, or the Original Train Operator.

The 'All Grades Union' RMT is disappointed in the Willesden Green Managements approach to engineering works. It is the responsibility of the GSM to arrange TWO CSAs to Detrain throughout traffic hours.

The 'Train Drivers Union' ASLEF, haven't even noticed this issue. If a Train Operator is dipped, they would have to sit a TWO WEEK CSA Course to complete the role of a CSA.

So Why, are Train Operators allowing themselves to be used in this way?. If a DMT asked you to go down to Platform Four and Litter Pick, Would you do it?

Train Operators are Licensed to Operate a Train, and are **not appropriately Licensed or Familiarised to work on Station Platforms** or to Detrain any other train apart from their own... So next time, politely refuse to detrain but be willing to carry out a duty for which you are licensed to do, such as, 'Double Ending' Trains into the Siding.

Staff at SMD are Short Changed

***Alstom Staff at Stratford Market Depot are being
paid as much as £7,000 less that Golders Green***

We know that Stratford Market Depot is not in our Branch, but to keep you informed..... Here is an extract from Circular No: 339/09

This is a harmonisation dispute following a failure to agree and an exhaustion of the local negotiating process.

For some time now, the Union has been arguing that Fleet staff at Stratford Market Depot should be on pay and conditions that at least match those paid by Alstom at similar London locations, most notably Golders Green on the Northern Line.

This is by no means an unreasonable demand, but sadly it appears to have fallen on deaf ears, hence the decision to ballot. As ever, I anticipate a strong mandate for industrial action being returned.



Are **YOUR** details up to date???

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