

# FRINGE MEETING AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION: WHAT NOW FOR TRADE UNIONS?

Monday 7th June **lunchtime 12.45pm**  
Meeting Room 2, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Southport

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With the ever growing use of anti-union injunctions to prevent legitimate strike action, the democratic decisions of union members are being increasingly undermined.

Recent high profile examples in the BA and Network Rail disputes have brought this problem to the fore but there have been countless examples across the country some of which have affected GMB members. Employers are seizing on the balloting provisions of the anti-union legislation to intimidate unions from taking action.

In light of these developments is it still possible to take lawful industrial action in the UK? What are the implications for trade union rights in the wake of the general election? How should unions prepare and respond? Speakers will discuss the issues facing the labour movement and will provide a platform for the launch of a post-election strategy.

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