

# Unite Rank & File national meeting

Saturday 24 November,  
12:30 – 4:30pm

**Wood Green Social Club, 3-4 Stuart Cres,  
Wood Green, London N22 5NJ**

Nearest tube: Wood Green (Piccadilly Line), 6 minutes' walk.  
Nearest bus stop: Haringey Civic Centre.

Last year meetings in London, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow agreed a team to get a new unofficial network of Unite members up and running.

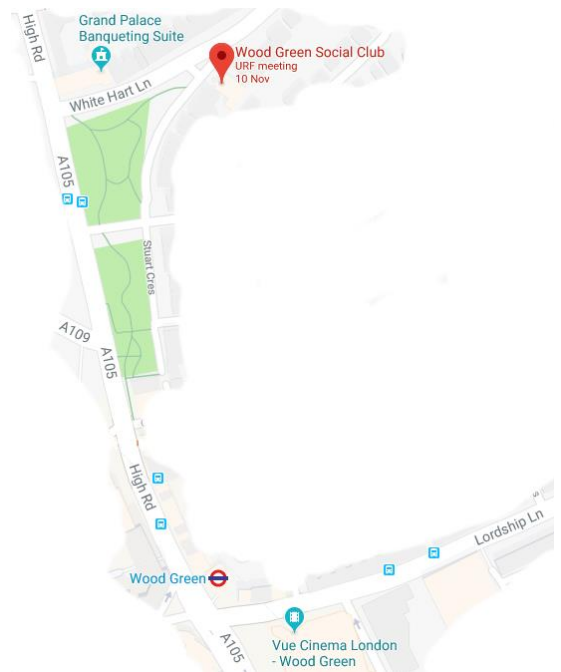
The team set up a Unite Rank & File web site, Facebook and Twitter, and produced leaflets. We've publicised and built support for numerous disputes, campaigns and demonstrations. We've explained Unite's structures and encouraged people to get involved. We've encouraged branches and workplaces to submit motions to Unite conferences. We've highlighted issues such as blacklisting, the union's attempts to avoid responsibility for discrimination by lay union officials against members and employees. We produced a model motion defending free speech on Palestine and opposing the IHRA definition of antisemitism.

**The need for a stronger and more assertive rank and file is clearer than ever.**

Many disputes continue to be poorly publicised, hampering solidarity. Isolated reps are less able to assert themselves when the union apparatus isn't meeting members' needs. And when we win, too few members know about it.

Politically, Unite continues to be more vocal in its partnership with socially and environmentally destructive employers than in pushing for diversification into high quality socially useful and sustainable jobs. Unite's delegation at Labour conference helped outvote constituency delegates to prevent debate on mandatory reselection, despite this being union policy.

**This meeting will discuss developments in Unite, disputes and campaigns, what Unite Rank & File should be doing and elect officers and a committee.**



## Unite Rank and File aims to:

- Build solidarity
- Encourage resistance and make our union do more to encourage it
- Put activists in touch with each other, share information and ideas
- Champion independent workers' organisation and challenge the toxic "in partnership with management" culture so widespread in Unite
- Supporting the development of rank and file networks and campaigning initiatives throughout our union
- Campaign to reform and reinvigorate Unite's democratic structures to promote a bottom-up culture where members participate, challenge discrimination and are in control
- Campaign to change Unite policies e.g. against Trident and for workers' rights to move freely and be treated equally

We are not one more electoral faction within Unite and welcome your participation irrespective of your views on internal elections or whether or not you are affiliated with any of the electoral groupings.

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