

# UNITE GENERAL SECRETARY ELECTION ELECT IAN ALLINSON

## UNITE NEEDS A SHAKE-UP

NOT “MORE OF THE SAME” MCCLUSKEY

NOT “TURN THE CLOCK BACK” COYNE

### SPEAKERS

**Ian Allinson** candidate for the General Secretary of Unite

**Jerry Hicks** a previous candidate for General Secretary

**Pat Collins** RMT former Executive member

**7.00 pm Wednesday 29th March**

Committee rooms 3 and 4 Council House

Victoria Square B1 1BB



## In his election leaflet Ian Allinson says:

Despite some progress during McCluskey's time as General Secretary, our union is still falling far short of an adequate response to the onslaught members are facing from government, local authorities and employers. There have been too many missed opportunities. Why was there no call for action or even a national demonstration in defence of the NHS when the Junior Doctors had the government on the ropes? Why did we not call effective action when New Labour and employers attacked us at Grangemouth, or call for nationalisation which could have put huge pressure on both the SNP and Westminster governments? Why was our response to the Trade Union Act so pitiful?

## A different sort of candidate

McCluskey and Coyne have been senior officers for decades. They back Trident and give ground to the right over freedom of movement. Ian Allinson is an experienced workplace activist fighting on clear left policies. He has pledged to keep his current wage rather than the embarrassing General Secretary's six figures, and backs members electing their officers rather than having them imposed. He exposed the sexism, bullying and harassment in Unite and insists that equality and discrimination are industrial issues, not optional extras.

## Support Corbyn

While Coyne and his backers from the Labour right want to turn the clock back to the days of New Labour, McCluskey's approach of backing Corbyn within the Labour Party while undermining him on policy and questioning his leadership isn't good enough either. Only building workplace and community resistance can shift the terms of debate - and the polls. "Wait for Jeremy" won't be enough.

## Other speakers

**Jerry Hicks**, a longstanding rank and file activist in Unite who challenged McCluskey on two previous occasions receiving large minority votes. Jerry was an activist in Rolls Royce in the Bristol before being victimised.

**Pat Collins** former RMT Executive member for the Midlands Region and a local branch secretary

Since April 2016 RMT Conductor Members have been taking Industrial Action over the extension of Driver Only Operation (DOO) on GTR Southern region. Conductor members, commonly known as guards, are fighting against the deskilling of their roles and responsibilities. Currently all guards are classed as "Safety Critical personal". The company wish to replace with they call an "On Board Supervisor" who will not require the Safety Critical competences of a guard in addition they will have not have the people skills such as being able to assist Disable people or people with pushchairs etc. Currently trains that have guards can not move without them. Under the company's proposals the train will run without them. The RMT's argument s that there should always be a second safety critical person on board a train. We say keep the guard on the train keep the train safe!

*Pat Collins Council of Executive Member  
Region 6, Members*

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