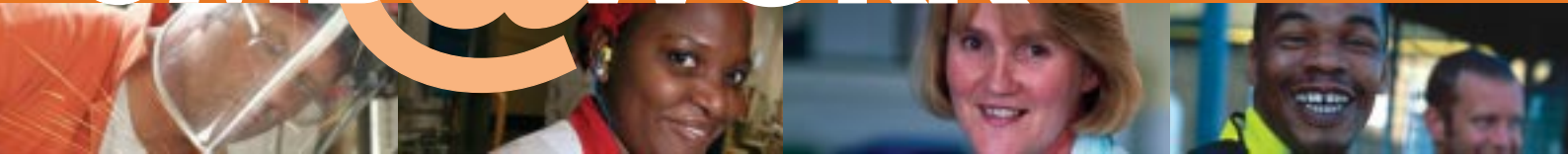


# LEEDS CIVIC BRANCH NEWS

Summer 2013

## GMB@WORK



### ACTION, HELP!!!!

GMB Leeds Civic Branch, the union branch for Leeds City Council staff in Adults and Children's Services, is calling upon its members and all the people of Leeds to respond to the proposal by Leeds City Council to close 6 of the Council's remaining Care Homes and 4 Council run Day Centres.

GMB will seek on behalf of its members to keep every Council run Home and Day Centre open and properly funded. The staff within them are dedicated and have many years experience which will be lost at the stroke of a pen, whilst the residents and service users will be sent off packing to the private sector.

Leeds has got a very simple choice - care or profit?

Please go online to sign our petition at [www.gmbbyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.gmbbyorkshire.org.uk) and also make your feelings known by writing to your local councillor.



Residents & Families Protest Outside Musgrave Court, Leeds.

**HOMES  
&  
DAY  
CENTRES  
THREATENED  
WITH  
CLOSURE**

**HELP US  
FIGHT  
GET  
INVOLVED**



Save Our Home!!!

### YOUR BRANCH. US ALL WORKING TOGETHER...

Leeds Civic Branch is made up of Leeds City Council employees from Adult Social Care and Children Services Directorate. We encourage Convenors, Reps and Members to work together to improve their working environment and terms and conditions of the employees in these areas. We aim to end exploitation, discrimination and injustice.

In order to achieve this we hold regular branch meetings to encourage dialogue and develop solutions to tackle these issues within the work place. We are an active branch that regularly campaigns on the crucial issues that effect our members and the communities in which they live. We rely on the involvement and support of all our members to come up with new and creative ways to deliver our messages.

We like to engage directly with our communities and participate in local events that are fun for all the family and raise the profile of the branch and the union at the same time.

Most of all it's the opportunity for like minded people to work and socialise together to make a real difference.

# WE WANT YOU!!!!

GMB Leeds Civic Branch are looking for volunteers for Branch positions of Race Officer & Youth Officer and ULR which is an abbreviation for Union Learner Rep.

This requires someone with a particular interest in these areas and duties would involve participation at Regional forums and Monthly Branch Committee Meetings.

An election will take place at our forthcoming Branch Meeting but you can put a nomination forward in advance of the meeting by emailing [neil.cole@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:neil.cole@leeds.gov.uk)

# WE FIGHT THE BEDROOM TAX...

GMB Leeds Civic Branch, took its fight to the streets of Leeds on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, to protest against the Government's latest controversial scheme, THE BEDROOM TAX. From Convenor's to fellow branch members and their families, we pulled a large bed through Leeds to highlight the new tax that this government is implementing to the general public and to make them aware of the potential trouble it could bring to any household who is under occupying a local authority property.

The new tax which will affect anyone living in a council owned property, paying rent, and who also are receiving housing benefit, will mean that the amount they can claim will be dependent upon the number of people living in a household. Anyone with a so called "SPARE" bedroom will have their housing benefit cut by 14 per cent, and those with two or more spare bedrooms will lose up to 25 per cent.

*If you know someone who is not already a GMB member, please ask them to join by calling*

**0845 337 7777**

*OR online at*

**[www.gmb.org.uk/join](http://www.gmb.org.uk/join)**

# GMB MEMBERS MARCH TO PROTEST AGAINST THE BEDROOM TAX



The March to Say NO!!!

# ON THE MOVE!!!

**TAKING ACTION AGAINST SOCIAL INJUSTICE. WE HAVE A VOICE OUR GMB MEMBERS SPEAK OUT**

**OUR VERY OWN JOANNA PERRY SAYS,**

*"This is nothing more than an ideological assault on the poor and is spurious to say the least".*



Joanna Perry (Convenor) and other GMB Members

# BRANCH MEETINGS...

Branch Secretary  
Neil Cole

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Work Tel  
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Wed 28th August 2013

Wed 27th November 2013

**All meetings are held at Civic Hall, Leeds LS1 1UR and commence at 4.00pm.**

There will be tea and coffee provided.

Could members please notify the Branch Secretary in advance to ensure that numbers can be accommodated.

Please make sure you bring your LCC ID badge with you and report to reception on arrival.