



## Yorkshire & Humber TUC Retired Members e-news

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### A STRONG VOICE FOR RETIRED UNION MEMBERS

This e-news bulletin is aimed at sharing campaign information with Unions and other older peoples groups we work with. We also meet to discuss campaign activity every 3 months and aim to build a strong campaigning voice for our retired union members and older people in the Region. If you know anyone else who wants to receive future e-news bulletins then ask them to send their e-mail address to our Secretary: [eddie.spence@ntlworld.com](mailto:eddie.spence@ntlworld.com)

### CARE and FUNDING REFORM

Debate continues in Parliament, particularly around the level of the 'cap' to be introduced for individuals to fund their care and the complexities and uncertainties about the funding which will be available from central government. A useful guide to the 10 myths around the reform of the care system is available from the Age UK website: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/latest-press/age-uk-unravels-the-mystery-of-the-social-care-reforms-and-says-read-the-small-print>

### HANDS OFF CAMPAIGN - DEFEND UNIVERSAL PENSIONER BENEFITS

A UK-wide campaign defending the need for universal pensioner benefits is looking for support. It's important we make our voices heard **BY 3 May 2014**. Please take the time to:

- Visit the [www.handsoff.org.uk](http://www.handsoff.org.uk) website
- Sign the online petition on the website
- Write an email message or letter to their MPs, by way of the website
- **Please also note that there is a paper copy of the on-line petition attached which will allow you to support the Petition, collect the signatures of others and post the Petition direct to the Campaign Co-ordinators. You can also download further copies of the paper petition at <http://www.handsoff.org.uk/paper-petition>**

### NATIONAL PENSIONERS CONVENTION (NPC) NEWS

The latest (Print friendly) version of the NPC Campaign Bulletin is at: <http://npcuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Campaign-Bulletin-82-easy-print.pdf>.

The General Election will take place on 7 May 2015 and the NPC is co-ordinating a **Pensioners' Manifesto** which can be put to all the candidates. The attached survey asks supporters to indicate what issues they think are the most important to older people and should be put into the NPC's manifesto. **Please use the Survey, indicate your preferences and return by 6 June 2014** to: NPC, Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London NW1 2EJ.

### AGE ACTION ALLIANCE (AAA)

AAA issues regular information on news and events. Its vision is to improve the quality of later life through partnership working between member organisations and older people; creating communities where older people feel secure, valued and able to contribute to society. For more information click: <http://ageactionalliance.org/>

MORE INFORMATION: TUC website [www.tuc.org.uk](http://www.tuc.org.uk) NPC website <http://npcuk.org/>