

GMB Union News

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The year that was...

What a fantastic year it has been for the North East, Yorkshire & Humber region! Our campaigning and organising efforts have set the bar for the trade union movement throughout 2024.

We took a stand against bullying bosses in South Tyneside, and stood shoulder to shoulder with striking workers at Tetley Tea, G4S, and Formica in their fight against poverty pay.

We held demonstrations outside Hull leisure centres over safety risks and Sheffield Hallam University over wage theft, and secured backpay for Doncaster Healthcare workers. We also championed the cause of school workers, pushing for an end to term-time only pay and the reintroduction of the School Support Staff Negotiating Body.



Tetley Tea Strike

This is just a snapshot of our activities over the past year. We're proud to say that much of this success is due to the hard work of GMB representatives in the workplace, supported by members like you. As we move towards the end of the year and into 2025, our focus remains on the core work of a great trade union: **Great Campaigns, Great Casework, and Great Reps.**



Sunderland Equal Pay Demo

We're campaigning for pay justice

Notwithstanding years of progress, the widening gap in pay based on gender reinforces the fact that we still have so much work to do in the fight for equal pay on behalf of GMB members.

We are proud to be leading in that fight - Our campaigns for pay justice across the region continue to grow in local authorities and in every single Asda store - with many more campaigns to follow.

Through the work of our army of GMB reps and the teams at GMB offices across the region, we have taken on thousands of claims on behalf of women workers, which will not only address pay injustice, but will put **billions of pounds back into their pockets.**

Great Benefits & Services

Your GMB membership means you always have someone on your side in the workplace, but that's just the beginning! As a GMB member, you unlock a world of additional benefits and exclusive offers. Beyond workplace support, you can enjoy:

- **GMB Protect Insurance:** Free £5,000 Accidental Death Cover
- **GMB Learning:** Enhance your skills and knowledge
- **GMB NHS Dental Plan:** Affordable dental care
- **UnionLine:** Legal advice and support
- **GMB Credit Union:** Financial services tailored for you
- **GMB Cash Benefits and Support:** Extra financial assistance
- **Discounts at Attractions and Theme Parks:** Fun for the whole family



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When there's 'trouble at mill' don't wing it alone!

When you need support and assistance with a workplace issue, your first port of call is your locally based team of GMB representatives.

They are trained to ensure you receive the best possible service and representation when you need it most. So, if you need our support, don't hesitate to get in touch



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Sign up to become a GMB rep

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a GMB representative in your workplace follow [this link](#), and let us have your details and we'll do the rest – **please be assured that your enquiry is confidential.**



GMB Congress

#MakeWorkBetter

GMB Congress 2025

GMB Congress 2025 will be held in Brighton from Saturday, 7 June to Thursday, 12 June 2025.

Each year, GMB members from across the nation gather to debate ideas, share best practices and determine the union's priorities for the following year. This is our most significant event in our calendar and we are seeking nominations to attend from GMB members who are dedicated to improving the workplace for all.

Your branch nomination will be made at your upcoming branch meeting being held at GMB Wakefield Office, Grove Hall, 60 College Grove Road, Wakefield, WF1 3RN on Tuesday 17 December at 6pm. **Please fill in your details on [this link](#) by 9am on Monday 16 December if you plan on attending this meeting.** If you have any queries please contact gmb@neyh.org.uk

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