



news for station and revenue staff - 17th june 2008

RMT Launches Website For Station and Revenue Staff

www.rmtplatform.org.uk

RMT is pleased to announce the launch of our new website, RMT Platform online!

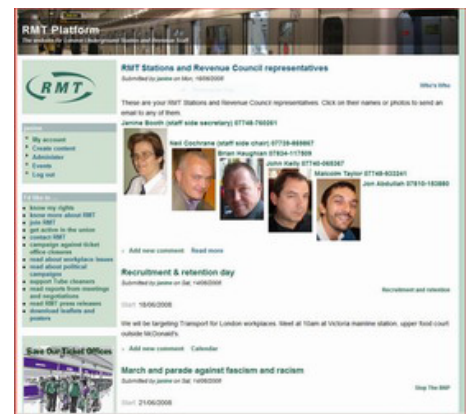
On this website, you can:

- contact your reps
- download newsletters and leaflets
- read reports from negotiations
- check out your rights
- read articles about workplace issues from bullying to ticket offices
- find out more about RMT's political campaigns
- lots lots more.

The first thing you should do is register as a user of the site. In the left hand column, you will see a link called 'Create new account'. Click on this and follow the instructions! Once you have an account, you can:

- post comments on articles
- view RMT-members-only content
- if you are a rep, create your own weblog, with articles about your group and issues that interest you
- receive a regular e-mail newsletter telling you what is going on for stations and revenue staff in the RMT.

If you have any questions or ideas, contact one of your Stations & Revenue Council reps.



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Defend Jerome Bowes

LUL has sacked Elephant & Castle CSA Jerome Bowes after an incident on New Year's Eve. When Jerome witnessed a violent fight between two passengers, he received lots of verbal abuse, then as he moved to a place of safety, was punched in the back. Jerome defended himself, and while the police let the passenger leave, management took Jerome's job away.

This could quite easily happen to any of us, so we should all support Jerome and his workmates, who are planning a strike ballot to demand his reinstatement. Local RMT rep Malcolm Taylor describes the sacking as a "gross injustice". For more information, contact Malcolm, or visit www.rmtplatform.org.uk/charingcross

Support The Cleaners

Tube cleaners are currently balloting for strike action, demanding decent pay and conditions.

The cleaners are demanding:

- the 'London living wage' of £7.20 per hour
- 28 days' paid holiday
- sick pay
- decent pensions
- travel facilities
- an end to 'third party' sackings, under which a cleaner can lose his or her job without a proper hearing on the say-so of someone outside their own company.

We could not run the stations without the cleaners, as we will soon find out if and when they go on strike. With no cleaner on duty, stations will become both dirty and dangerous.

The cleaners are our workmates, and yet the pay and conditions that they work under are nothing short of a scandal. Years of negotiations and protests have brought precious few improvements, so the time has come to strike.

The cleaners deserve all our support and solidarity. To help their campaign, contact your local RMT rep, your RMT branch's cleaners' co-ordinator, or visit www.rmtplatform.org/cleaners.



Got a report for the next issue of **RMT platform**? An issue you'd like to see covered? Or a question you'd like answered? Contact Janine Booth on internal e-mail, personal e-mail janine.booth@btopenworld.com, or phone 07748-760261.

March and Parade against Fascism & Racism: Stop the BNP

Saturday 21 June.

Assemble 12 noon, Tooley Street (behind GLA building, nearest station: London Bridge).

March to Trafalgar Square.

Called by Unite Against Fascism & Love Music Hate Racism

Promotion Chaos Continues

Responses are flooding in to RMT's survey of staff's experiences of the promotion system. Dozens of you are telling us of bad experiences, including being kept waiting for ages, being failed on spurious grounds, getting no feedback, or being told one thing one day then another thing the next.

If you have had a bad experience with the promotion system and have not yet completed a survey, please do! Contact your local RMT rep or any of your RMT Stations & Revenue Council reps.



Sick?

If you are sick, and get any hassle from management, then contact your union. London Underground's attendance policy is highly unfair and punitive, but you do have certain rights. The problem is that lots of managers seem to be ignoring them!

The only way to protect your rights is to be in an effective trade union. Join RMT, and if you need advice or representation, call your rep. You can also read a comprehensive guide to your rights here: www.rmtplatform.org.uk/rights. We will soon be publishing this information as a printed 'know your rights' guide for all staff.

To help us fight for a more fair, humane policy, get involved in your union!



RMT Sets Timescale For Pay Campaign

RMT's London Transport Region has launched its campaign for a decent pay rise when our current deal runs out next April. It has set a timescale whereby rank-and-file members will have a say in what the union asks for, and which should ensure that we are not kept waiting months for our pay rise as in previous years.



Your branch will be discussing this issue over the next two months. So go along and take part. You can follow and comment on this issue here: www.rmtplatform.org.uk/pay



Join

- Get an application form from your local RMT rep
- Phone the union on 0800-376-3706
- Join online at www.rmt.org.uk/join