

Barnet Local Government Branch

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In the last few days thousands of pounds has been coming into the branch from trade union branches across the UK. We have also had lots of messages of support from unions and residents all too aware of what staff are facing here in Barnet.

CLOTHES SHOPPING ON MONDAY?

Have you booked your free ticket for the "Emperor's New Clothes" showing at 12 noon

Monday 1st June, Phoenix Cinema?

Followed by Q&A with John McDonnell MP.

Are we in the altogether https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLNhIbroC4s

or are we "in it altogether"?

Join the strike action and picket lines and join the march & rally on

2nd June 12 noon

From NLBP to St John's Church, Whetstone, Details here

"Where will we be working by 2017?"

As a result of the latest news about the proposed new Council offices in Colindale, staff have been asking "Where will I be working by 2017 and who for?"

The latest staffing figures for the move to Building 2 & Barnet House are <u>1880</u> staff. This figure includes partner organisations such as NHS, *CSG and Re.

The current staff are working in 284,000 sq ft

Phase One

To move the above staff into <u>114,754 sq ft</u> (Barnet House 70,000 sq ft & Building 2 44,754 sq ft) with exception of * CSG staff.

Phase Two

To move remaining staff to new building at Colindale 90,000 sq ft

(* CSG staff are being relocated to and area within Barnet and the likely move date will be

during September. Revs and Bens team will remain at Barnet House)

The current plan is to reduce the office space in **2017** by approximately <u>68%</u> which leaves the question "where do all the staff go? "

Using the figures above it would mean only 602 of the 1880 staff would move to Colindale.

This issue has an impact on our members working across Barnet Council, CSG & Re it is important that members attend the following meeting:

The Council have published the plans for Colindale here https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/news/Council-publishes-proposals-to-move-to-Grahame-Park.html

Monday 8 June 12 noon in the Central Room, Building 4, NLBP

REINSTATE CANDY!

Our colleagues in PCS in the National Gallery are on another 10 day strike. Like us they do not want the identity of their employer to change either. Their lead rep, Candy Udwin, has been sacked. It is critical that the trade union movement defends its activists and so we are calling on all of our members to begin our activity which is about the same issue by joining us with the branch banner in **Trafalgar Square 1pm this Saturday 30**th **May**. Also please sign this petition http://action.pcs.org.uk/page/s/no-privatisation-at-the-national-gallery

At the PCS National Conference last week, PCS general secretary Mark Serwotka praised the strikers for their determination and said: "The whole union stands with you. On 30 May we will be there to support our members."



Meeting Dates—May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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