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British unions currently hosting Cuban guests at national and regional level include UNISON, National and London, Scotland, Wales, and North West Regions, Unite the Union, National and Greater London and Eastern Region, ASLEF, NEU, and the CWU.



## **Unions for Cuba Conference** Saturday 2 November 2019



# Unions for Cuba Conference

Building solidarity with Cuba. Strengthening friendship between Cuban and British workers.

Saturday 2 November 2019, 10am-5pm, NEU Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9BB

### Unions for Cuba is the biggest trade union solidarity event with Cuba to take place in the UK for fifteen years.

Up to 20 Cuban trade union leaders from across the island representing national and regional unions and six sectors have been invited to travel to Britain to participate in the Unions for Cuba Conference on 2 November 2019.

Speakers include Len McCluskey, GS Unite the Union, Kevin Courtney, Joint GS, NEU, Ismael Drullet, Director of International Relations, Central de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) and general secretaries and trade union leaders from Cuba's SNTS (health), SNTAP (public administration), SNTECD (education) SNTCIE (communications), SNTTP (transport and ports) and SNTEM (energy and mining) unions. Final speakers and details will be announced shortly. The British trade union movement has a long and proud history of support for Cuba - this conference will build on those traditions. It will look at ways of increasing political and practical solidarity, counter the misinformation propagated about Cuba; develop close inter-union relationships as well as informing, educating and mobilising activists.

Featured sessions will include the impact of the blockade on Cuba's education, health and society, trade union democracy and influence in setting national economic policy in the county, and the role of international solidarity in the global trade union movement.

Unions for Cuba is the highlight of a year of activities organised by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign to mark the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution and the 80th anniversary of the CTC (Cuba's TUC). The conference comes at a critical time for the Cuban people, as the Trump administration has tightened the blockade to unprecedented levels in an attempt to strangle the Cuban economy.

Following the conference the Cuban guests will be spending several days taking part in workplace visits and exchanges with their British counterparts.

If your union region or branch would like to invite a Cuban trade unionist to take part in the conference and exchanges please contact CSC and we will provide you with information and costs involved.

#### Register as a delegate for Unions for Cuba today – (PTO)



"Cuba's free, universal and inclusive education system is a beacon across Latin America and the Caribbean and I am proud of the NEU's solidarity with the teachers' union in Cuba and the Cuban people. I look forward to speaking alongside Cuban trade union leaders at this important conference."

> **Kevin Courtney**, Joint General Secretary, NEU



"Congratulations to the CTC on 80 years of fighting for workplace and social justice. The TUC is proud to build friendship between British and Cuban workers. We oppose Donald Trump's economic war on Cuba and the US blockade which hits working people hardest. And we will always champion workers' rights, at home and worldwide, to win equality, justice and dignity for everyone." Frances O'Grady, General Secretary, TUC



"Unite is looking forward to welcoming Cuban workers to the UK in November. The Unions for Cuba conference is a symbol of the bonds of solidarity that exist between British and Cuban trade unionists and our commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in their fight against the US blockade."

**Len McCluskey**, General Secretary, Unite the Union

