



**NSSN 10th annual national conference:
‘Stop the Tory union-busters! Stop the cuts!’
Saturday July 2nd Conway Hall - 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL**

The National Shop Stewards Network (NSSN) is holding its 10th annual conference on Saturday July 2nd from 11am-4.30pm in Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL.

It is open to all trade unionists and anti-cuts campaigners. Book now, by emailing the names of your members who want to attend to info@shopstewards.net. The fee is £6 each (see payment details below).

The very right of trade unions to exist and organise effectively is under threat. The proposed new Tory anti-union laws would outlaw strikes if less than 50% of members voted in a ballot with an even stricter threshold for workers in ‘essential’ services. If these laws come in unchallenged, it will be a green light for bosses to ride roughshod over workplace agreements and victimise union reps.

It’s no accident these plans were announced 6 weeks before Osborne’s July budget. The Tories – elected by just 24% of the electorate – fully understand that the unions, with over 6 million members, can be an obstacle to another wave of vicious cuts – if they take decisive mass action, particularly on the scale of a 24 hour general strike. We have no choice but to resist.

The NSSN was initiated by the RMT and their former general secretary the late Bob Crow in 2006. 9 national unions – RMT, PCS, CWU, NUM, POA, NUJ, BFAWU, NAPO & FBU – officially support our campaigning work, as well as many union branches, shop stewards committees and trades councils.

The NSSN has played a role with others in TUC delegates’ decision to endorse coordinated action, and we have worked to keep this strategy in profile. After even more Tory cuts it’s not only practical but necessary. Our other campaigning work involves supporting workers in struggle, and those victimised for the “crime” of defending their members’ from the employers’ brutal cuts.

We also attract young people wanting to fight back against zero-hour contracts and poverty pay, but who have, as yet, no experience of trade unions. We proudly fight for a £10/hr minimum wage. We have a website, Facebook group, twitter account, and a regular weekly e-bulletin. All are available to trade unionists and their organisations to publicise their disputes, events etc. Please feel free to use these platforms. Invitations to speak at your union meetings are also welcome.

How much can you donate? Affiliate and/or take out an individual or collective standing order

Affiliation to the NSSN is £50. Can your union stump up a big donation? One conference alone costs thousands to organise. Individuals and branches can also take out regular standing orders of a few pounds every month to ‘National Shop Stewards Network’, HSBC – sort code 40-06-41, account number 90143790. Post any cheques to above address.

Looking forward to your positive response and in solidarity
Linda Taaffe (NSSN National Secretary) and Rob Williams (NSSN National Chair)