



# NEWSLETTER

## DIAGEO WORKERS



17<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### **MAGNIFICENT SOLIDARITY FOR DIAGEO WORKERS AT PACKED TUC MEETING!**

Senior stewards from Kilmarnock and Port Dundas, Jim McGhee and David Tennent, were warmly welcomed at a packed fringe meeting at the TUC conference on 16<sup>th</sup> September with Congress pledging **full support** for continuing to build and extend our campaign to save Diageo jobs in Scotland.

Chaired by Labour MP Jim Sheridan, other speakers included GMB's Harry Donaldson and Len McCluskey, Unite's Assistant General Secretary who in an inspiring contribution, pledged 100% support from the union from the highest possible levels for any actions members willing to take to fight back for their jobs and communities, and he also issued a dire warning to Diageo management not to under-estimate the determination of our members to resist the closures whatever it may take.

Speaker after speaker from the floor of the meeting pledged support from themselves and their unions to do everything they could to support us and to take the campaign further making it clearer than ever that our members are not alone in the fight to ensure that corporate greed is not allowed to destroy the very communities that have created the massive wealth of Diageo.

### **URGENT UPDATE URGENT UPDATE URGENT UPDATE MASS MEETINGS - 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

With the Trade Union final plans to be presented to the company at the JCC on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, it has been agreed to hold mass meetings in both Kilmarnock for Kilmarnock/Hurlford sites and in Glasgow for Port Dundas/Shieldhall, both in the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> September. The meetings will be held off site with final details to be confirmed but with the meetings set for 1.00pm in Kilmarnock and 3.30pm in Glasgow to allow a full update on all developments both in the consultation and in the campaign and a debate on next steps. **EVERY MEMBER SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THESE CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT MEETINGS!!**

### **GLOBAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO GROW...**

The magnificent campaign to save Diageo jobs in Scotland continues to grow with close to half a million letters of protest sent to the company (including from Diageo workers from around the world), the huge march in Kilmarnock, successful protests at the Open Golf championship and at football games, packed debates in Holyrood and plenty more to come. Ask your stewards about how you can do your bit to help with this and to get further information about other planned events. You should also look out for further newsletters with full details of campaign activities. One thing is certain – the campaign is starting to bite and is having a significant impact, so let's work together to keep up the pressure on Diageo management and shareholders!

**DIAGEO UNIONS – FIGHTING BACK TOGETHER FOR SCOTTISH JOBS!!**