

PUBLIC MEETING

COLOMBIA: A Trade Union Victory!



5pm, Tuesday 5th February

Room 5, TUC Congress House, Great Russell Street

Speakers: Emigdio Triana, Colombian bank workers' trade union
Ellie Reeves, Labour Party NEC & Convenor of the 'Britain in the World' Policy Commission

Chair: Graham Goddard, Unite Deputy General Secretary



In October 2007, in the face of overwhelming odds and in a climate of violence and intimidation, Colombian trade unionists working for the British multinational bank HSBC, went on strike and forced management to back down.

The strike was called after HSBC refused to improve worker' terms and conditions and attempted to force their workforce to renounce rights that they had previously won.

The ten day strike saw all of HSBC's offices in Colombia close and, despite efforts to undermine the strike, HSBC was forced to sign a collective agreement with Colombian bank workers union *UNEB*.

UNEB received widespread international support during the dispute including from Justice for Colombia and Unite, the British trade union representing financial sector workers.

Emigdio Triana, a *UNEB* leader who played a key role in the successful strike action, is now in the UK. Please come along to hear his first hand account of one of the few victories won by the Colombian trade unions in recent years.

More Information at www.justiceforcolombia.org