

Unite mechanical and electrical construction workers –

National day of protest

Construction workers defence of skills and pay

Wednesday 9 November

Join the day of protest against the attack on skills and pay of construction workers by Balfour Beatty, Crown House and others who want to de-skill the industry.

**11.30 Assemble at the Shard project
(St Thomas's Street, nearest station London Bridge)**

12.00 Rally

13.00 March to Blackfriars project

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**14.00 March to House of Commons to lobby MPs (via the Embankment)
Construction workers take the message to MPs – *NO government contracts to firms de-skilling the construction sector***

If these rogue employers get away with their attack on sparks, plumbers and heating and ventilating engineers, no construction worker will be safe. Wages and terms and conditions across the whole of construction will be squeezed.

DEFEND YOUR LIVELIHOODS NOW

Transport is being provided by Unite regions. Call you regional office.

For more information contact Unite London officers:
Vince.passfield@unitetheunion.org or
Guy.langston@unitetheunion.org or call **0208 5969966**.

Get ready for Unite's ballot of Balfour Beatty,
the ring-leaders of this assault.



National Day of Protest - Lobby your MP



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Wednesday, 9 November, 2011
2.30 pm Lobby of MPs
Committee Room 9, House of Commons

How to meet your MP at Parliament

You can use what is known as the green card system, to request a meeting with your constituency MP in the Central Lobby of the House of Commons without an appointment.

At Parliament you will need to queue outside St. Stephen's entrance. After clearing security check, head for Central Lobby and to the reception desk and ask for "a green card". You will need to fill in your name, address, MP's name and a clear statement on your purpose of visit, such as "to discuss NO government contracts to firms who want to de-skill the construction sector."

Return the card to the reception desk and the staff will try to find your MP to see if they are available to meet you. You should wait in the Central Lobby while your MP is found. This may take some time, so please be patient.

Sometimes your MP will be available and will come to Central Lobby to meet you, but sometimes they will not and will send back a message saying they cannot meet you. Your MP will know that you have requested a meeting and will have to write to you in due course letting you know their views.

When you meet your MP, tell your story simply. How the attack on skills and pay of construction workers by Balfour Beatty, Crown House and others who want to de-skill the industry will affect you, your family and your workmates. MPs want to hear the personal stories therefore anything you can do to help persuade just one MP to be supportive is a bonus for our campaign.

Meeting MPs

Committee Room 9 in the House of Commons has been booked for you to meet sympathetic MPs from 2.30 – 4pm who want to come and hear what is happening in your industry.

Remember – your action really can make a difference in construction!

Find out who your MP is simple type your postcode in www.theyworkforyou.com