

30 YEARS SINCE THE GRUNWICK STRIKE

An event to commemorate 30 years since the Grunwick Strike (1976-1978) will take place on 17th September at the Tricycle Theatre, organised by Brent Trades Union Council, the main body who organised support for the strikers at the time.

This was one of the most significant strikes of the second half of the 20th Century. The dispute, involving mainly Asian women workers, drew the support of the whole labour movement. Thousands came to support the picket lines, postal workers refused to deliver the mail, print workers refused to print an article condemning the strikers, and Yorkshire miners joined the march to the factory gates. Even cabinet ministers joined the picket line.

In spite of the determination of the strikers and tremendous solidarity the strike was lost. This will be an opportunity to discuss what really happened with some of the people who took part, and discuss what lessons the dispute has for us today.

Speakers include:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| Jack Dromey | Deputy General Secretary, T.G.W.U., and then Secretary of Brent Trades Union Council. |
| Arthur Scargill | Honorary President, N.U.M., and then President of the Yorkshire Area N.U.M. |
| Ed Blissett | London Region Secretary, GMB (which incorporated APEX, the strikers union) |
| Jeremy Corbyn M.P. | |
| Jayaben Desai | Leading Grunwick striker. |
| Amrit Wilson | Writer on Asian women in Britain. |
| Derek Walsh | London organiser of the Postal Workers Union during the strike. |

Films

'Stand Together' and 'Look Back at Grunwick' by the Newsreel Collective

Exhibition

Commemorate the Grunwick Strike, 1976-1978

11am-5pm, Sunday 17th September 2006

Tricycle Theatre, 269 High Road, Kilburn, London NW6 7JR

Tube: Kilburn, Jubilee Line Rail: Brondesbury, Silverlink

We are still anxious to trace further strikers and others involved, so if you can help please get in touch.

Tickets must be bought in advance: £7.00, which includes lunch (Indian food – meat and vegetarian).Cash bar.

The Tricycle Theatre is fully accessible.

Contact: Brent TUC, 375 High Rd, Willesden, London NW10 2JR

Visit our website: <http://tinyurl.com/o9uy2>

Email: ben.rickman@gmail.com or telephone 020 7624 0032

Photograph: Phil McCowan Design: [walkwiththis.com](http://www.walkwiththis.com)

**BRENT TRADES
UNION COUNCIL**