

LABOUR PARTY

POLITICS IN THE PUB



THE DEBATE: DOES INDUSTRIAL ACTION ACHIEVE RESULTS?

GUEST SPEAKER: CARLOS BARROS (RMT UNION)

VENUE: GEORGE INN

I am happy to report that Berkhamsted and Tring Branch hosted its inaugural *Politics in the Pub* event. The aim of the evening was to socialise, inform and educate through debate. For our first event, we debated the topic... *Does industrial action achieve results?* To facilitate the debate we were joined by guest speaker, Carlos Barros. Carlos is a member of the RMT Union and sits on the NEC for London Branch. We were also joined by Noreen Hayes, an RMT official.

As expected, Carlos and Noreen spoke with passion and relayed a message of solidarity with unions representing nurses, teachers and all those currently engaged in industrial action. A strong message focused on their successes as a Union in maintaining their working terms and conditions and the safety of railways for all. They were keen to point out that industrial action was always the last resort. Tory interference in their dispute, which has cost more money to block rather than settle, has prevented progress in talks with their employers... Not the first time the Tories have wasted public money on peddling reckless ideology - Just ask Liz Truss!

There was robust questioning and debate throughout the evening, but a common theme in the room that there was also a need for the TUC to be more effective in organising strategic action.

One of the highlights of the evening was being able to welcome Labour members, like John and Matt, to their first event. I encourage more members to come and join us at the next social. If you have any questions or suggestions for the next *Politics in the Pub*, do reach out to me directly... Contact details are below.



NEXT POLITICS IN THE PUB:

23rd May, 2023

Venue and guest speaker TBC

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