



## Speakers - 'Blackpool Deserves Better'

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**Dr Michael Calderbank** Author, *The Cost of Living Crisis: Time to End Economic Injustice*: Co-Editor of *Red Pepper*, a National Officer of the Labour Representation Committee and works in Parliament on behalf of a number of trade unions.  
<http://www.radicalread.co.uk/latest-titles/44-the-cost-of-living> "An invaluable weapon in the hands of all those refuting and rejecting austerity."  
John McDonnell, Shadow Chancellor.

**Sadiq Vohra** is a senior employment solicitor at Slater and Gordon in Preston. He specialises in employment law for a range of clients. Speaks Gujarati, Hindi, French and some Urdu.

**Julie Sherry**, National Fastfood/FastfoodGlobal Campaign officer. Julie has been responsible for co-ordinating activities around the Fast food campaigns across the UK linking together different organisations in support of the aims of the campaign. Julie has attended Hearings into the human right alleged violations by McDonalds and has been working with organisers from Fight for \$15.

**Eileen Turnbull**, Researcher for Shrewsbury 24 campaign which is seeking to overturn the unjust prosecution of 24 building workers who were charged following the first ever national building workers strike in 1972. They picketed building sites in Shrewsbury during the dispute and were prosecuted in Shrewsbury Crown Court in 1973. They became known as the "Shrewsbury 24".

**Hilda Palmer**, Hazards a campaign which is a UK Wide network of resource centres and campaigners. It believes 'red tape' – to you and me, the hard won regulations that save our necks – is better than more bloody bandages at work. The hazards campaign supports those organising and campaigning for justice and safety at work. Join the campaign if you believe work shouldn't be a death sentence.

**Andrew Birchall**, TUC tutor and Campaigner bringing together the community and the workplace. Responsible for the Campaign to save the Chorley A&E. Set up the first workers Memorial Day event in the U.K. Which is now one of the most important events in the Labour movement events to mark the loss of life at work and to fight for all to be able to have a safe workplace across the UK.

**Rob Williams**, National Chair NSSN (National Shop Stewards Network). The Network's founding conference resolved to rebuild the strength of our working-class movement from the bottom up by creating local, regional and national networks to put elected reps and shop stewards from different unions in permanent contact with each other. The Network was

initiated by the RMT rail union and now also has national support from PCS, CWU, NUJ, NUM, POA, BFAWU, NAPO and FBU as well as many branches, trades councils, etc.

**Tina Louise Rothery**, Anti Fracking Campaigner Lancashire Nanna's. Tina has campaigned against fracking on the grounds that it is inherently harmful, in particular that it poses a risk to human health via potential water and air pollution, and as a contributor to climate change. However, Tina's primary motivation has been to protect and secure a healthy environment for her grandchildren, and indeed all children. She stood against George Osborne in the 2015 general election as the Green Party candidate, and used the platform to raise awareness of climate change among other social justice issues.

**Clara Paillard**, President of PCs Culture Section organised the campaign against the Privatisation of the National gallery. Campaigner against fracking, climate change and a leading Trade union voice on the risks associated with climate change.

**Steve Hall**, One of the founding members of the Wigan diggers festival. Stephen is a long-standing community activist, green socialist, NHS, local school and environmental campaign, he is also chair of Leigh Unite the Union branch and President of Greater Manchester Association of Trades Union Councils.

**Chris Baugh** is the assistant general secretary (AGS) of PCS. He has over 30 years of trade union experience in PCS and predecessor unions having served as national vice president and as a member of the national executive committee for many years. Chris worked for the Land Registry from 1976 and was the lead negotiator and group president when he took up his elected AGS post in 2004. As a socialist and life member of Blackpool and Fylde Trades Council, Chris has been involved over many years in a variety of community and trade union based campaigns. As AGS, Chris is the union's national treasurer with responsibility for finance, as well as a range of bargaining and regional issues including the devolved administrations. Chris also leads on the PCS green agenda, an alternative vision for civil and public services and promoting union involvement in arts/music/cultural events

**Ian Hodson**, National President BFAWU. Elected President 2011 and again in 2015 originates from Blackpool. Former President of Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Trades Union Council. He helped form the Fast food campaign and the fight for £10 minimum wage the end to the youth minimum wage and for the abolition of Zero Hours contracts.

**Gordon Marsden MP**, Blackpool South Shadow Business and Education minister Gordon has been at the heart of Blackpool issues and campaigns for over 23 years – ever since being selected as Parliamentary candidate and has an office and home in South Shore. Gordon serves in the Opposition Front Bench Team as Shadow Minister for Higher & Further Education and Skills, along with being chairman of Parliament's all-party group for Veterans. He's campaigned ceaselessly in Parliament to highlight the particular needs and priorities of Blackpool and other seaside towns.

**Rebecca Long Bailey MP** is the Labour MP for Salford and Eccles. Rebecca Long Bailey is currently Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, an opposition position she has held since February 2017. She was Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2016 to 2017), Shadow Minister (Treasury) (2015 to 2016) in opposition.