

The Wakey Worker

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT UNISON

URGENT BULETIN

A TRADE UNION FOR ALL

Following the unsettling SAVE bill passed by the United States House of Representatives this week; that requires the identification used to vote, matching the details on your birth certificate. The Wakey Worker are concerned, not only by the suppression of voters in the US (which appears to be mainly targeting married women and members of the LGBT+ community), but by the effects that this will have over the pond, here in Britain.

Shortly after the US vote to impose these hurdles to participate in democracy, the UK Supreme Court have ruled that the "Legal Definition of Women is based on Biological Sex". This is an outright attack on our transgender siblings and other comrades within the LGBT+ community and every single member of ANY Trade Union should be outraged by this.

The LGBT+ Community have stood hand in hand, side by side and marched alongside workers and Trade Unionists throughout some of the hardest fought attacks on OUR rights in history, including in "The Battle of Orgreave" and it is past time to repay the support!

UNISON named 2024 as the year of the LGBT+ worker and as Trade Unionists we should be doing everything in our power to support our members; whether this be writing to your local MP's or Councilors to express your concerns, joining marches and rallies or calling out intolerant comments and behaviour in the workplace. We are ALL allies!

If you need support through these difficult times, please do not hesitate to contact UNISON and we will do all we can to help. We are a Trade Union for ALL and ALL are welcome!



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The real thing: LGSM members march in support of the miners, 1985.
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