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Joginder Bains	General Secretary Indian Workers Association (GB)
Jane Carolan	Unison NEC; TUC GC
Denise Christie	Chair Scottish Labour Campaign for Socialism; Treasurer FBU Scotland
Neil Findlay	MSP (Labour) Lothians
Roz Foyer	Senior Organiser Unite Scotland
Tam Kirby	Fife People's Assembly; Unite Scottish EC
Gordon Martin	RMT Scottish Regional Organiser
John McDonnell	Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer
Phil McGarry	Chair People's Assembly Scotland; RMT Political Officer
Mark McHugh	Scottish Secretary Bakers and Allied Food Workers Union
Rab O'Donnell	Secretary Hope not Hate West of Scotland
Chris Stephens	MP (SNP) Glasgow SW

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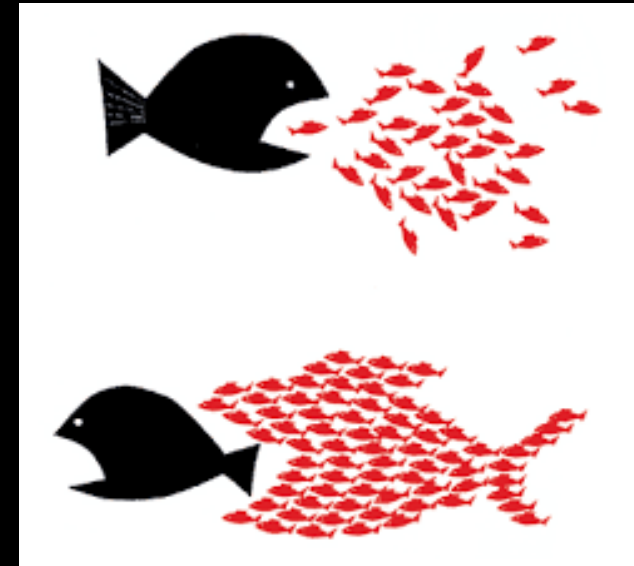
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Scottish Morning Star conference Spring 2017

Building **unity** now **against** cuts and casualisation



Collective Bargaining Collective **Strength**

Chair: Roz Foyer

Sunday 12 March

STUC, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG

Collective Bargaining

Over the past ten years the share of national income going to working people has fallen by over 5 per cent and since 1975 by 15 per cent. Over the same period the proportion of working people in trade unions has fallen from over 50 per cent to little more than 20 per cent. Among those aged under 25 the proportion is now below 7 per cent. The number of workers covered by collective bargaining has been more than halved to just 29 per cent.

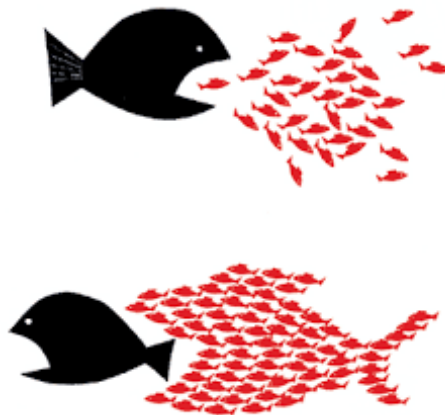
This transformation has political causes: a succession of governments that have sought to undermine every aspect of organisation among working people and above all the trade union movement. The transformation has also had political consequences: fatalism, racism and the rise of right-wing populism

The year's spring conference will discuss what can be done to rebuild collective organisation.

It will hear of the proposals from the Labour Party to make the reintroduction of collective bargaining a key plank of its legislative programme. The conference will also discuss the urgent and immediate challenge of rebuilding working class unity from below in the battle to defend workers and communities against the cuts currently being imposed across local government and the public sector.

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The conference will take place in the STUC Building, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow (Kelvinbridge Underground). The Conference will be chaired by Roz Foyer.

10.45 Registration

11.00 Chair's opening remarks

11.10 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:
SHIFTING THE BALANCE OF POWER - UNITING NOT DIVIDING**

John McDonnell
Joginder Bains
Gordon Martin
Chris Stephens

12.30 Lunch

1 p.m. Discussion groups

- a) **TRADE UNIONS, THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
AND COMMUNITY ORGANISING**
Tam Kirby Phil McGarry.
- b) **CAMPAINING FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
Neil Findlay Tommy Campbell
- c) **UNITING AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA**
Joginder Bains Rab O'Donnell

2.30 **UNITING AGAINST LOW WAGES,
CASUALISATION AND THE CUTS**
Reports from discussion groups

Denise Christie
Jane Carolan
Neil Findlay
Mark McHugh

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