

Unite the union **International Women's Day 2016**

Programme of Events

Tuesday, March 8th

18.00 - 20.00

IRISH WOMEN OF RESISTANCE: 1916-2016

Ground floor, Unite House in Holborn
(128 Theobald's Road WC1X 8TN)

London & Eastern Region Women's Committee and SERTUC Women's Rights and International Committees invite you to:

A PUBLIC MEETING: ALL WELCOME

Refreshments provided

Celebrate International Women's Day 2016 – with a meeting covering 100 years of Irish women's resistance – from the Easter Uprising to the present day.

SPEAKERS:

Bernadette Devlin McAliskey – Irish socialist and republican, veteran of the Irish Civil Rights movement and Bloody Sunday – now campaigning with the South Tyrone Empowerment Programme (Step).

Liz Deasy and Karen Gearon – Dunnes stores strikers.

Two of a group of "ordinary" yet extraordinary Irish women trades unionists who took international solidarity action against the apartheid regime by refusing to sell South African goods. When one was suspended, 12 went on strike for two years and nine months in support.

Kelley Temple, Secretary of Abortion Rights.

Theresa Moriarity – Irish Socialist historian, on women in the Easter uprising – new evidence is emerging every day of their key front-line and combative roles.

16.30 - 17.45

LAUNCH OF SERTUC'S 10TH SURVEY OF EQUALITIES IN TRADE UNIONS

TUC Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

Hosted by **Megan Dobney** SERTUC Regional Secretary and **Carolyn Simpson** Chair SERTUC Women's Rights Committee.

12.00 - 14.00

WHAT NEXT FOR WOMEN?

Public meeting – All welcome
Ground floor, Unite House in Holborn
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Join **Kate Osamor MP**, **Diana Holland**, Assistant General Secretary and **Siobhan Endean**, Unite National Officer for Women in conversation with **Jane Stewart**, Chair of the Unite National Women's Committee.

We are keen to address the austerity measures that widen income inequality and place women at great risk of destitution and social exclusion and highlight the disproportionate impact of the financial crisis and austerity policies on women. We are bringing together our proposals to build activism within our communities and build links between women to challenge austerity.

Lunch provided

14.00 - 16.00

CARING AND CAMPAIGNING: BLOOMSBURY WOMEN

SERTUC/Unite the union in association with Go London Tours www.golondontours.com

Celebrate International Women's Day on this Bloomsbury walking tour with your Blue Badge Guide **Rachel Kolsky**. From the social and educational work of **Mary Ward** and the Ladies' Guild at Queen's Square and the campaign for the vote led by the Pankhursts in Russell Square you also visit Gordon and Tavistock Squares for the creative associations of **Virginia Woolf** and **Fredda Brilliant** and the bravery of **Nora Baker**.

Book now!

This tour is **FREE** to Unite sisters and places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis – sisters from other unions are welcome to register their interest with **Bridget** and will be charged £5 if a place is available

Meeting Place: Unite House, 128, Theobald's Road, London

Timing: Assemble from 14.00 for a prompt 14.15 start

To book your place contact:
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