

Union has a huge mandate for action...

KEEP UP THE PRESSURE DELIVER A SOLID STRIKE

JUST A WEEK BEFORE THE strike at Royal Mail, set for 19 to 21 October, Royal Mail bosses have outrageously challenged CWU's legal mandate for action, and the courts have, not too suprisingly, sided with the bosses.

It's a sign of desperation, and makes a mockery of democracy. The strike vote and the turnout showed a phenomenal mandate for action.

It was good to see the CWU taking a strong stand against this despicable development. The protest at the High Court hearing was a great initiative that saw members turning out (and the live chickens were there representing Royal Mail bosses too!)

The ruling knocks the timetable for a legal strike back to December.

It's crucial that in every workplace, activists intensify efforts to build the biggest picket lines possible, and keep up tight organisation and activity to keep the momentum high.

Playing games

Royal Mail used a clause in the 2013 Agenda for Growth agreement that unfortunately accepted a "mediation" period to stall the strikes.

But it's conditions laid out in that very agreement that CWU is taking action to defend and extend!

So it's the height of hypocrisy from the bosses. Royal Mail are calling for mediation, but it's clear they want mediation in bad faith.

They are playing games with our futures here.

That's why the best response would be for CWU to go ahead with the strike next week regardless.

The CWU also has a proud history



CWU reps and supporters gather outside the High Court

of unofficial action too.

But whatever course of action CWU goes for—whether action starts now or is set for late December—it's absolutely critical that the huge mobilisation and angry and determined mood to strike is held firm. Every member must now redouble efforts in the fight to build a solid national strike.

Campaign

Other unions are even now looking at the CWU's campaign methods to learn from it.

It is essential that the union does not allow Royal Mail to gain the upper hand here.

CWU has been firmly on the front

foot in this dispute and must stay strong.

That means gate and workplace meetings, days of action and continuing to mobilise and galvanise members for a powerful strike.

Strike to win

Royal Mail are playing tactics and will grab any opportunity to knock CWU off course.

It will take solid strikes to shift them back and win.

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