

As bosses 'mediation' process gets underway...

CWU IS OUT TO WIN! THAT MEANS ORGANISE TO STRIKE

THE KEY FOR THE CWU IN every Royal Mail workplace is to keep up the momentum of this campaign, and keep organising for a solid strike after mediation.

With the mediation process now underway, CWU has laid out clearly that this can't just be a matter of going through five weeks of pointless forced talks. If Royal Mail has nothing serious to add on all the key issues in the dispute, then the union is right to demand a conclusion from the mediator sooner.

We all know that for Royal Mail bosses, this was just about stalling the strikes set to take place in an attempt to regain the upper hand.

We cannot allow them it.

That's why CWU is right to say that if the mediation isn't going anywhere quickly, it should end and the union move towards strikes.

The mandate for action is huge.

The big danger is that Royal Mail are successful in their attempt to take the heat out of the CWU's brilliant campaign, and flip the momentum in their favour.

Mobilise

So as time ticks by, every CWU branch, in every workplace, has to make sure there is constant activity that involves as many members as possible, and that the campaign continues to mobilise.

That means redoubling efforts for as many gate meetings as possible. It means the CWU leadership need to lay out the timeline of an active campaign, for the public but crucially that involves rank and file members in Royal Mail, and quickly, to keep up the pressure.

We can't lose sight of the wider significance of this dispute either.

It takes place at a time when working class people have suffered years of austerity, where things are hotting up across the trade unions over pay—from the opposition to the public sector pay freeze, to McDonald's workers striking for £10 an hour.



The lively march last week by CWU Royal Mail reps

It comes in the aftermath of the horror of Grenfell and the hope of Corbyn's success in the election.

The vote smashed the Tories' Trade Union Act thresholds.

A national strike at Royal Mail can be a beacon for the movement, not least for the fact that our postal service was privatised under the Tories, and Corbyn's insurgent Labour party supports renationalisation!

Quickly

But it's clear, as Corbyn stresses himself, that it will take a fighting mass movement from below to win.

CWU can galvanise that movement, and win this dispute if we strike with dates named quickly at the end of

the mediation period. It's up to every member to build the pressure and organisation for that now.

Unions standing up to racism

On Saturday, 1,300 trade unionists, activists and anti-racist campaigners gathered in London at the Stand Up To Racism conference. CWU has a proud history of not only supporting, but actively building the anti-racist movement. It was great to see impressive delegations of postal workers and others from CWU there, to organise against the bosses' and Tories' attempts to divide us.

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