***SHEFFIELD TRADE UNION COUNCIL est.1858***

***The progressive voice of Sheffield’s trade union movement***

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**“SHEFFIELD NEEDS A PAY RISE!”**

Sheffield TUC Campaign Launch Meeting

£10 an hour NOW!

**John McDonnell MP**

**Shadow Chancellor**

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**Maggie Hazlehurst UNITE Senior Organiser**

**Gareth Lane BFAWU Regional Organiser**

**Peter Davies/ Deanne Ferguson GMB**

**Eva Jasiewizc journalist/human rights activist**

**Daragh O’Neill UNITE Community**

**USDAW speaker invited**

**Chair: Martin Mayer Sheffield TUC Secretary**

**7pm Friday 14th October 2016**

United Reform Chapel

Norfolk Street, Sheffield (opp. Crucible Theatre)

*UK plc is beset with rock bottom wages, zero hours contracts and a lack of good well-paid jobs with union recognition. A recent Resolution Foundation Report showed Sheffield is the lowest paid city in the country. Sheffield TUC is determined to do something about this. Our “Sheffield Needs a Pay Rise” campaign will expose Sheffield’s worst employers many of whom are household names. We will organise street events and link in with union branches and working class communities in the city. We will lead focused union organising drives for the TUC target of £10 per hour as a minimum rate for ALL workers. We will work with national trade unions and link up with the highly successful US trade union campaign for $15. This will be backed up with a local media campaign aimed at uniting the people of Sheffield behind us in a mass campaign to drive up wages in Sheffield. We deserve better!*

Current legal minimum rates are (from 1st October 2016)

Aged 25 and over £7.20p per hour (George Osborne’s “National Living Wage”)

Aged 21 to 24 £6.95p per hour

Aged 18 to 20 £5.55p per hour

Aged under 18 £4.00p per hour

Apprentice £3.40p per hour (applies for first year, then rates above)

Living Wage (set by Living Wage Foundation)

£8.25p per hour (outside London)

£9.40p per hour (in London)

TUC “Britain Needs a Pay Rise” target for UK minimum wage £10 per hour