

Lobby of Parliament

3rd September 2.00 – 3.30

Parliamentary update

Critical Lobby of Parliament – 3rd September, 2pm – 3.30pm Houses of Parliament, Committee Rooms 11 & 14

This is a crucial time in the Parliamentary calendar for Napo and the timing of the lobby means that we can get a strong message to parliamentarians before they head off for their party conferences. In order to make a noise about the chaos in Probation however, we need as many members as possible to attend. We have had confirmation from a number of your MP's so well done in getting in touch and asking them to attend. You will have an opportunity to meet your MP either during or after the event so please get in touch if you haven't already. The lobby is focusing on voices from the frontline and a number of members have offered to speak at the lobby to tell their experiences of working in probation chaos. We are hopeful that members will offer contributions from the floor as well so there will be plenty of opportunity for you to have your say. Please let your Branch know if you are attending as we need to give an estimated figure to security in advance. Branches will be meeting at the Monument opposite Parliament at 12.30 with a view to joining the queue at 1pm.

Justice system in crisis

At the time of writing this bulletin the news is awash with the prison crisis, from inadequate care, increased suicide rates and re-offending levels of released prisoners. Sadiq Khan came out with a public promise to address the justice crisis and to work with all agencies to improve the mess that has been imposed on us. You can read his statement here –

<http://labourlist.org/2014/08/labour-warn-of-meltdown-in-the-prisons-system/>

Tania Bassett National Official speaks to KCFM about re-offending rates in HMP Hull

<http://www.kcfm.co.uk/news/local-news/70-of-criminals-reoffend-within-a-year-of-leaving-hull-prison/>

Press Coverage

A big congratulations to Northumbria Branch for their excellent work in covering office closures due to staff shortages. BBC Newcastle, radio and TV picked up the story which ran yesterday and covered the story in every news bulletin. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p023xl6l>

Dean Roger Assistant General Secretary was interviewed by 3 Counties Radio on Monday this week in relation to Victim Liaison work in Probation.

Ian Lawrence General Secretary was interviewed by the Telegraph last week as well as a live interview with Radio 5 live regarding the PbR pilots in Peterborough and Doncaster. Unfortunately due to copyright we are unable to publish the Telegraph article.

Campaigns@napo.org.uk

The ever changing world in Probation means it is very difficult for us to keep up with the full picture. Please send in your evidence of TR chaos to campaigns@napo.org.uk. In particular we need information on staff shortages and the impact on service delivery, especially programmes.

Members Offer – Limited Tickets
available

PRIDE is a new British Comedy based on
extraordinary true events'

It's the summer of 1984. Margaret Thatcher is
in power and the National Union of Mineworkers
(NUM) is on strike. At the Gay Pride March in
London, a group of gay and lesbian activists
decides to raise money to support the families of
the striking miners. They identify at random a
mining village in South Wales and set off in a
mini bus to make their donation in person. And
so begins the extraordinary story of two
seemingly alien communities who form a
surprising and ultimately triumphant partnership.

Link to trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsFY0wHpR5o&list=PLczWn9JMFfZV9IjKHtiEaKHO8VQfsOARz>

Date: Tuesday 9th September at 6 for 6.30pm
start

Locations: **Cineworld** – Aberdeen, Union
Square, Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford, Bristol,
Cardiff, Crawley, Dundee, Edinburgh, Enfield,
Fulham Road, Glasgow Renfrew Street, High
Wycombe, Huntingdon, Liverpool, Milton
Keynes, Nottingham, Sheffield, Wandsworth,
West India Quay, Wolverhampton and Yeovil

All you have to do to claim your free tickets
(maximum 2 per person) is click on the link
below.

Website:

<https://www.showfilmfirst.com/pin/409475>

Code: 409475