



South Yorkshire Migration & Asylum Action Group

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

**Barnsley Miners Hall,**

**2 Huddersfield Road, Barnsley S70 2LS**

# ***May Day Solidarity Conference***

**Trade Unionism, Migrant Workers, & Asylum Seekers**

A day of plenaries, workshops, discussions and action planning.

**The Right to Work - Legal Rights at Work  
Organising Migrant Workers**

**Ethical Issues for Public Sector Workers**

**Combatting the BNP - How to Organise Campaigns**

**Personal Experiences of the Asylum System**

**Challenging Racism within the Workplace and Trade Unions**

**Stalls      Displays**  
**10 am - 3.30 pm**

**Organised by SYMAAG, South Yorkshire Migration & Asylum Action Group.**

**Sponsored by Barnsley Trades Union Council, NUT, UCU, NUM, South  
Yorks Voluntary Sector Unite**

# **South Yorkshire Migration & Asylum Action Group SYMAAG**

has been active in the South Yorkshire region for over a year now. We held a successful 3 day *Dignity not Detention* march in October 2007, from Sheffield to Lindholme Detention Centre highlighting the criminal treatment of asylum seekers and demanding their right to work. We have followed this up with public meetings and campaigns around the treatment of nationalities, groups and individuals within this country.

Trade unions at both a local and national level have been to the fore in arguing for migrants' rights to equality and regularisation and asylum seekers' right to work, both through resolutions and active support. We also recognise that the results of the gross exploitation of migrant workers and of asylum seekers being forced into "casual" work can be the undercutting of existing trade union pay and conditions. That is why the issue is one of solidarity as well as humanity. We seek your support in spreading this message to all labour movement activists, translating conference motions into positive action on the ground

## **Timetable:**

10.00 - Welcome, Introductions

10.30 - Right to Work - History of Migration (Plenary)

11.30 - Break

12.00 - Workshops

1.00 - Lunch

1.45 - Workshops

2.45 - Feedback & Action Points (Plenary)

Entry to the conference is free, with lunch provided, but donations and sponsorship would still be welcome. To book a place, sponsor the event, or for more information please complete the tear off slip below. or e-mail

**dignitynotdetention@yahoo.co.uk**

Please complete the tear off slip and return to

The Treasurer, SYMAAG, 11a Roach Road, Sheffield S11 8UA.

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We would like to sponsor the event with a donation - Amount.....

We would like to reserve \_\_\_ places We would / would not like a stall.

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