

SUPPORT JERRY HICKS FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

An election has been called as a result of a challenge made by Jerry Hicks over the unlawful attempt by Derek Simpson to extend his period of office beyond retirement without an election. Derek Simpson should have known this was illegal; he challenged Sir Ken Jackson on this very point in 2002 and forced an election which he then won. The Executive have now voted through a rule change to overturn the 95.3% majority ballot of members held three months ago, delaying the implementation of the new Unite Rulebook and instead holding an election for an Amicus Section General Secretary. Instead of electing a new General Secretary for the whole of Unite for the next five years there will now only be an election among former Amicus members for a period of one year only.



JERRY HICKS

Jerry Hicks is standing in this election, called by the Unite Executive, for General Secretary of the Amicus section of Unite.

Jerry Hicks started work at Rolls Royce Bristol in 1975 as an apprentice and was elected as a Shop Steward in 1984 and elected as Deputy Convener in 1987. He was elected as Convener for the Test Areas in 1990 and elected to the Amicus National Executive Committee (NEC) in 2003, polling the highest vote in the Aerospace and Shipbuilding sector. He was offered a full-time officers job with the Union in 2003 by Derek Simpson but declined the offer as this would have been an appointment and he believes in elections by the members, answerable and accountable to the members.

In June of 2005 a 48 hour occupation of the 'Test Areas' saved the jobs of two fitters who were facing dismissal. Six weeks later Jerry was sacked by Rolls Royce using trumped up charges, unfounded allegations and anti-union legislation. A tribunal pre-hearing found in his favour and that in all probability he was victimised and sacked for Trade union activities.

Jerry Hicks stands for

- Election of all officers of the union.
- A Campaign pledge that if successful he will only draw an average skilled member's wage.
- Pursue a merger strategy that would increase democracy and strengthen the union.
- Support for independent combine committees and lay democracy in negotiations
- Repeal of all Anti union Legislation to include rights to re-instatement following a tribunal victory.
- Absolute opposition to any attack on final salary pension schemes and a strengthening of government legislation on this.
- State Pensions linked to earnings.
- Public ownership programme opposing privatisation of jobs and services.
- A programme of building affordable rent council housing which will also provide jobs for our construction members.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF WHAT JERRY STANDS FOR GO TO JERRY4GS.COM

A Union too often 'out of sight and out of mind'

Jerry says "The union has recently held elections for the 'New NEC' where only 10% voted, which means of the 2.1 million members 90% never felt sufficiently engaged to be involved. Only a few months ago we voted to create Britain's biggest Trade union and only 17% were inspired enough to vote. Our union leadership has not managed to touch the lives or minds of massive numbers of our members enough for them to feel the need or worth of becoming participants in affairs of the union.

There has to be a better way, a different way!

- When a member is in need of support they should know that the full weight of the union is behind them. When a Rep is victimised then the General Secretary will be there for them.
- A union that is, visible, accessible, approachable and available. If you can't get to a union full-time official then they must come to you.
- Officials of the union who are elected by the membership and accountable to the membership, not appointed by the General Secretary.

A leadership in touch with the members

For more information visit the web site

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