

EDUCATION A c t i o n 4

Presents:

POLITICS, PITS AND PROTEST

FRINGE PROGRAMME FOR THE DURHAM MINERS GALA 2019

Established in 2013 Education4Action facilitates events in the week preceding the Durham Miners Gala. We are a team of enthusiastic volunteers with a shared mining, trade union and Labour heritage. We work closely with the Durham Miners Association, The Marras, The Redhills Project and other like-minded organisation, and will warmly welcome anyone who shares our values and is interested in joining our volunteering team.

All events other than those identified as private are open to everyone, and with the exception of the Dave Hopper Memorial Lecture, are all **FREE** and will be held in the Miners' Hall, Redhills, Durham City, DH1 4BE. The building is accessible and refreshments are available at most events.



TUESDAY 2nd JULY

9.30am – 2.30pm: Redhill’s Primary School Visit (private)

A day long primary education workshop, working with a local Primary School, exploring history, politics, music, trade unions, mining communities and heritage. The session is entitled ‘The Checkweighman’

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FRIDAY 5th JULY

1.00pm - 3.00pm: Women’s Banner Group School Visit (private)

The Women’s Banner Group secured funding from the Northern Heartlands Community Foundation for their primary school workshop programme entitled Let Them Be Heard. The culmination of the workshops will see 120 children from four primary schools in the Durham Coalfield area visit Redhills to see their proggy mat artwork come to life. Sessions are being ran by Womens Banner Group, Education4Action and Durham Mining Museum.

MONDAY 8th JULY

9.30am – 2.30pm: Redhill’s Sixth Form Visit (private)

A day long education and arts workshop, working with a local 6th Form Politics group exploring history, politics, music, trade unions, mining communities and heritage.

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TUESDAY 9th JULY**WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (WEA) North East, History & Heritage Branch presents:****3.30pm – 4.30pm: Learning in Pictures: Durham Miners' Banners – Dave Wray**

This session will outline the imagery of the Durham Miners Banners, and how those images depict the history and culture of the mining communities they represented. In particular the talk will demonstrate the importance placed on education.

4.30pm – 6.00pm: William Morris; Past, Present & Future – John Stirling

John's talk will focus on the socialism of William Morris who is now better known for his designs. He was an activist who spoke in support of striking miners in the North East and wrote extensively about socialism in ways that are relevant enough today for Jeremy Corbyn to quote him at last year's Gala.

6.00pm – 7.00pm: Refreshments**NORTH EAST LABOUR HISTORY SOCIETY presents:****7.00pm – 8.30pm: 'The Little Dictator and the Three Musketeers: The NUM Durham Area at a time of Nationalisation and the Cold War' – Huw Beynon, Emeritus Professor of Social Sciences at Cardiff University**

The talk will explore the origins of the Durham Miners' leaders, Sam Watson, Alfred Hesler, Charlie Pick and Kit Robinson and the role they played in the politics of the coal industry and the Labour Party after the Second World War.

Huw is the author of 'Masters and Servants: Class and Patronage in the Making of a Labour Organisation: The Durham Miners and the English Political Tradition' (with Terry Austrin) and he was the editor of 'Digging Deeper: Issues in the Miners' Strike'. His new book (with Ray Hudson) The Shadow of the Mine: Coal and the end of industrial Britain will be published by Verso next year.

WEDNESDAY 10th JULY**6.00pm – 7.00pm: Mining the Memories Launch Event**

In 2018 members of the local mining community were invited to record their digital stories about the Durham Big Meeting. Come along and hear those stories at this launch event. Afterwards, the digital stories will be available on our website www.education4action.org.uk

7.00pm – 7.30pm: Refreshments**7.30pm – 8.30pm: Death of a Miner. An evening of film and music**

This is a programme of two BBC Documentaries made by Phillip Donnellan. Death of a Miner was created in July 1966 after the death of Birtley folk singer, Jack Elliott and ironically coincided with the closure of Harraton Colliery. The earlier film in which the family expressed their socialist convictions and atheism was never broadcast. Come and join in the stories and songs of the North East folk tradition.

FRIDAY 12th JULY

**2.00pm – 4.00pm: ‘Developing Political Education Today: What can we each contribute?’
- International Working Class Education IWCE**

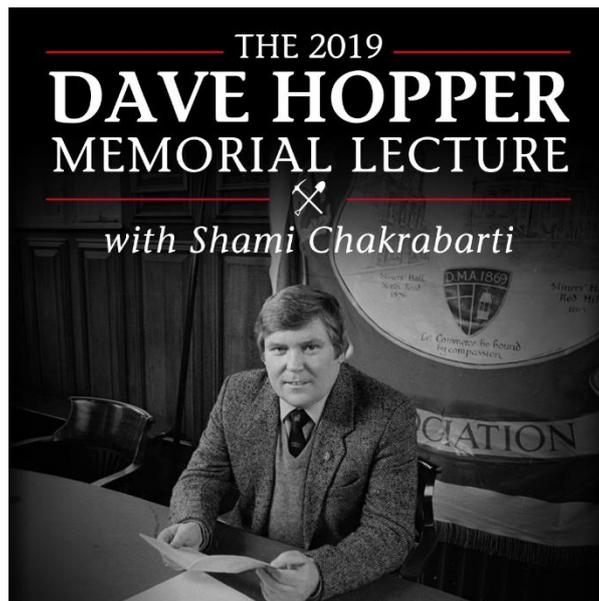
In the difficult political times we are living in how can the many groups undertaking political education work together effectively? Join in our informal discussion forum and have your say. Please register directly via iwceducation@yahoo.co.uk

4.00pm – 5.00pm: Refreshments/Bar

5.00pm – 7:00pm: Annual Dave Hopper Memorial Lecture with Baroness Shami Chakrabarti

Following the resounding success of the inaugural memorial lecture in 2017 Education4Action are proud to present the 3rd Dave Hopper Memorial Lecture in the Pitman’s Parliament with guest speaker Baroness Shami Chakrabarti, Shadow Attorney, supported by Ed Yankovich, Vice-President Emeritus United Mine Workers of America and introduced by Alan Mardghum, General Secretary of the Durham Miners’ Association. Mary Stratford of E4A will chair this event.

Join us for what promises to be a great evening. Demand is likely to be high - book your tickets through the Redhills Website asap <https://bit.ly/31rg96C>.



Limited car parking is available at Redhill’s which is restricted to blue badge holders and the building is fully accessible. There is on street parking in the nearby streets too. Admittance for all events other than the memorial lecture are free, however donation buckets will be available should anyone wish to support the Marras.

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