

EQUALITY NEWS

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Welcome!

Welcome to the second Regional Equality newsletter!

Thank you so much for your feedback about the first issue. We really welcome and appreciate your comments and suggestions so we can make the newsletter more vibrant, relevant and useful to you. Let us know what you want.

Why not send in your articles, just as Megan Dobney, GMB member, has done about the Sylvia Pankhurst statue fundraising campaign and how to donate to have this in Clerkenwell (see pages 11 and 12).

In this issue you'll find views on the General Election. We hope you've registered to vote. Talk to colleagues, and make sure you vote – and vote Labour!

Find out about how Young members went sleuthing and recruiting in Soho, and how the much-needed meals on wheels service is under threat from spending cuts.

Join and get involved in any or all of our dynamic equality self-organised groups (see page 5) and post that page on your noticeboard.

With Pride season upon us, GMB Shout LGBT+ share news on LGBT+ campaigns, and how you can combat hate crime – here in the UK and abroad.

Finally, don't forget equality dates for your diary (page 13), and of course, when and where you should send in your articles ready for the Autumn issue (page 12).

Happy Summertime!

GMB London Regional Equality Forum

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Let June be the end of May

By *Fevzi Hussein, GMB Race Vice Chair*



Fevzi Hussein

The Conservatives have called a snap election despite the Prime Minister previously denying this would happen on no less than 7 occasions. There is an opportunity for the country to

speaking against austerity and the ongoing attacks on those most vulnerable in society and we owe it upon ourselves to do what we can to make sure there is a new Government in place come June 9th.

At the time of writing this piece, opinion polls are showing that the Tory lead is reducing. But as we all remember from the last election these can be misleading. In Jeremy Corbyn we have a Labour leader who, for the first time in many years, is genuine about promoting the interests of the many and not the few. In a recent Prime Minister's Question Time he was spot on when he said the Tories were strong against the poor and weak against the rich. I couldn't have put it better myself.

Theresa May is suggesting that the electorate judges the Conservatives on their record. That is a fair comment. So let's take a look at the Tory record in Government.

- An NHS in absolute turmoil, junior doctors on strike
- A BREXIT chaos
- A railways chaos
- The lowest, most stagnated wages since Napoleonic times (early 1800s)

GENERAL ELECTION SPECIAL

- A homelessness crisis
- Child Poverty at record levels
- Food banks increasing
- A social care crisis
- Cut corporation Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax and a bank levy giving over £70 billion to those that need it the least
- The Bedroom Tax
- The economy is being trashed
- Libraries being shut
- Community centres closing
- Supports Arms dealing
- Borrowed more than every single Labour Government put together
- Prison and justice systems collapsing
- Shut Fire Stations
- Privatised Public Services - Royal Mail being the latest
- Attacked disabled people by cutting ESA by 30%
- Cut mental health services

The list goes on and on. Who in their right mind would want to vote for a Government responsible for all of these things?

We can all see where the priorities of this Government rests and it is not with the working class man or woman.

The Tories have been thriving on the politics of fear. Attacking those most vulnerable and supporting the most wealthiest in society. Jeremy Corbyn will bring stability to our economy by making the richest pay a fairer share. There will be no tax evasion and wealth will be distributed far more fairly. Services to those most vulnerable will be restored. It really is your choice. I am probably preaching to the converted in terms of who is likely to read this but these are the facts so go and share these as widely as possible

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on social media and let your friends and family know.

Don't buy the nonsense about Jeremy Corbyn being 'a nice bloke but he is not a leader'. That is exactly what the newspapers want you to believe.

The right wing media have waged a war on slurring his character ever since he took over as leader of the Opposition with a massive mandate for change - fact is they have not got a single skeleton to drag up any scandalous stories linked to Corbyn - they won't run a story saying he has the lowest expenses claim out of all 600-odd MPs, it doesn't sell newspapers does it!

General Election 2017 - by Brian Shaw, NEF and REF Chair, and GMB Shout Secretary

Well, having said for six months that there was no need for an election and that the government needed to get on with Brexit – Theresa May did a u- turn and announced an election.

It's clear from the Conservatives that they want a hard Brexit, one with no guarantees of trade deals or remain in the customs union. Instead they are content to allow the destruction of many industries based on their inability to recognise the issues at stake. They will look to reduce corporation tax and turn the UK into a tax haven.

Already there is talk of attacks on workers' rights to encourage companies to remain here as well as reducing equality legislation as well as getting rid of the Human Rights Act. Never before has there been such a stark choice facing this country. More of the same, pay freezes, reduced public services, the NHS on the brink of collapse and social care in crisis. Theresa May says she is on the side of hard working people – yet continues the same cuts in

GENERAL ELECTION SPECIAL

Couple this with the fact that 30 Conservative MPs are under investigation for election misappropriation.... do I really need to go on?

Theresa May has called this election to get ahead of the fact that the UK is going to be taken to the cleaners on BREXIT by the EU and there is also likely to be bad news on the 30 MPs being investigated. Not sure I have ever seen a more self-interest centric politician on this planet.

Vote Labour on June 8th. You know it makes sense.

services, cuts in tax credits. Let's not forget her opposition to equality, especially LGBT rights.

The alternative is a Labour Government, one that delivered on equality in power, one that understands equality and will build on that agenda. Labour has also stated that they will avoid a hard Brexit and have a raft of policies based around building council housing, regulating the private rental market, pay rises for the public sector and £10 per hour minimum now.

The choice could not be clearer, but with a media that has an agenda that Labour is unelectable it is easy for some to start to believe that. We need to ensure in our branches we encourage members to register to vote and that turning out is the only way to vote for change. It's our members that will suffer with a Tory increased majority. What has not been reported is a drop of some 10% lead in most polls since the calling of the election.

Time is short but the Tories can be defeated and we can get a Labour government in power.

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Young London Event – GMB Licence to Chill

EQUALITY ORGANISING

By Sarah Hurley, GMB London Region Equality Activist

On Monday 6 February, a very exciting meeting took place at our National Office in Euston.

The meeting was led by Sarah Hurley, GMB London Region Equality Activist, who delivered training to the Young London members on organising and running a campaign. The meeting involved a practical session where all present then planned a real Campaign event that took place in Soho on Thursday 16 March.

The event was ground-breaking as, for the first time, Regional and National Officers worked side by side with members of a GMB self-organised group and the event was supported by the Professional Drivers Branch.

The event started at The Kings Arms, Soho.



GMB's Fair tips campaign resources

All involved became secret agents for the night!

The Agents arrived at the Kings Arms and received a 30-minute briefing, GMB Licence to Chill and selected their missions from unmarked envelopes containing the name of a bar and a restaurant. The agents had to locate the venues, enter undercover and hand out campaign information and survey cards to all the staff without being noticed and return as fast as possible to base.

The excitement did not stop there as once all the agents had returned to base they were given their final mission. Again, Agents selected from top secret envelopes each containing two road names that they had to locate and distribute all information issued to them directly to the public.

While carrying out their final missions, Agents received a cryptic clue via a What's App group message, and the Agents had to work out the name of the venue from the clue.

Once the Agents had worked out the name of the venue, they had to get there as fast as possible to win a top secret prize.

The event was a success in many ways as not only did our Young London members gain experience in planning and running a campaign event but gained experience in team working, talking with the public, working with officers, built their confidence, learnt recruitment skills, and raised the profile of the GMB and the campaign on Tips and Service Charge in Soho.

For more information or to get involved contact Sarah Hurley at: sarah.hurley@gmb.org.uk

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GMB London Equality Self-Organised Groups (SOGs)



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Meals on Wheels (MoW) - An Endangered Service

By Stephen Jones, Organiser, ability

As Equality Officers and Representatives, one of the most concerning issues that we come across is the potential abolition or down-grading of the above service, also known as Community Meals Service. This affects staff who support and care for the most vulnerable people in local communities when Local Authorities carry out restructures of this section as part of never-ending cuts.

This is a very distressing experience for the staff affected in these processes.

Perhaps the best way to describe these members is 'Angels of Mercy'. Their duties involve the distribution of hot meals to elderly and infirm people as well as those with severe disabilities, i.e. those who are unable to do shopping and cooking for themselves.

What is more, these 'Angels of Mercy' often have to double-up as carers in making sure that their customers are OK and do not need other help, such as medical or even emergency hospital admission.

Frequently for those most vulnerable members in our society, the daily visits from the MoW service team is the only contact with the outside world they have. Furthermore they have to pay for this service which is vital for them, but it enables them to stay in their own homes.

It is therefore most disturbing that in the London region over half of all Local Authorities have already abolished this vital and potentially life-saving service, for purely economic and cost-cutting reasons, and more are in the process of

doing so.

One of the early Local Authorities in London to take this decision was Wandsworth Council who proposed to abolish this service in 2012/13. An article accessible on the Internet describes the valiant efforts of a GMB delegation led by Southern Regional Officer Paul Grafton (1).

A survey was done of those affected by these measures in Wandsworth: the blind and partially sighted, the severely affected mentally ill and mentally disabled, those suffering from Alzheimers or Dementia, the deaf, others with mental health problems, the physically disabled and those in wheelchairs (i.e. a group of people with recognised disabilities or who self-define as having a disability), and a few with alcohol and drug abuse problems.

Wandsworth is a Conservative led Council and the article contrasted this proposed abolition of the MoW service with the high income of top Council staff at a meeting with Councillors when these measures were discussed. The Wandsworth MoW service finished in late March 2013.

Whilst we might expect Tory-led Local Authorities to go down this path and try to dress up any proposed alternative service - invariably less satisfactory - as a 'more personalised service' or some such description, it is very worrying that Labour-led Local Authorities have followed suit and done exactly the same thing, or are in the process of doing so.

The London Assembly Economic Committee in

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March 2016 wrote an open letter to the next Mayor of London asking that food poverty amongst older people is prioritised (2).

This letter made a number of recommendations, including the collection of data on the MoW service and the impact its abolition has on hospital admissions. It also suggested that Council Leaders should be pressed to maintain this service in order to reduce hospital admissions due to malnutrition.

It is therefore officially recognised that the abolition of the MoW service will place a further burden on our already stretched NHS service.

At that time only 13 London Boroughs were still running a MoW service (i.e. Croydon, Sutton, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Redbridge, Hackney, Westminster, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Hounslow, Richmond, Harrow). The service in some of those Local Authorities is currently under review and intended to be discontinued.

Please consider contacting your local Council and urge them not to implement these unfair and draconian measures which will disadvantage the most vulnerable people in our society even more than they are already.

Remember that the London Assembly Economic Committee is in favour of Councils supporting and maintaining this service.

You can also advise any person you know who self-defines as having a disability to join the new GMB Ability group by contacting gmbability@outlook.com.

As a committee member of this group, I am only too aware of the fact that there are many more people who self-define as disabled as there are whose condition has been formally recognised as a disability.

1. London Borough of Wandsworth to cut Meals on Wheels service / GMB
2. Meals on Wheels save lives / London City Hall

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LGBT+ Equality Campaigning - GMB Shout London

By Sandie Maile, GMB Shout London Chair



Sandie Maile

GMB Shout is the region's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + group. We have been running for nearly 14 years now and in that time we have run many campaigns.

To give a flavour, here are three campaigns we've been active on:

- ✪ **Same sex marriage (SSM)** – we got GMB nationally to support the equal love campaign. Whilst the resulting legislation is not perfect it allows same sex couples the ability to marry.
- ✪ **Human Rights Act** – we suggested and have supported the region's campaign over the retention of the Human Rights Act. As yet it remains on the statute book but the Tories are still looking to abolish the Act.
- ✪ **Putting the T back into LGBT** – our project highlighted Trans issues throughout the union and wider trade union movement. We held a Trans Vigil and have since developed a toolkit for workplace reps (on our website) and held a second trans awareness event - celebrating trans role models.

We've adapted our SSM campaign to ensure equal pension rights between married, civil partnered and unmarried couples. We are also supporting calls to abolish the 'lock' which automatically stops religious institutions from allowing all same sex marriages unless the religious organisation agrees.

We're also campaigning to bring Prides back as community-based and run events. In London we



Supporters at Pride for Save our HRA

have seen the organisation taken over by big business. Some Prides like UK Black Pride are grassroots community-run and led, and this is the model we want London Pride to return to.

GMB Shout began the campaign over reserved seats for all equality areas on the Central Executive Committee and now we are seeing concrete proposals for Congress to debate.

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No to LGBT Hate Crime!

By Carl Banks, NEF LGBT+ rep, CEC observer, GMB Shout Vice Chair

The shocking persecution of gay men in Chechnya, Russia has hit the headlines recently. Evidence has come to light of camps there where suspected gay men have gone missing, or are being illegally detained, and beaten and tortured, all in breach of their human rights.

Chechen authorities have denied that gay people live in Chechnya, and yet have begun rounding up men perceived to be gay. It's not an over-reaction to state that these actions are akin to the first stages of genocide; steps defined by Dr. Gregory Stanton in 1996, and president of [Genocide Watch](#).

Standing up for human rights

Equality and human rights groups, like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, All Out ([allout.org/en/](#)), and GMB Shout have condemned this persecution outright.

The United Nations has been urged to step in and contact Russian officials to end these abuses against men who may or may not be a part of the LGBT community, to take measures to have all detainees released from detention camps, to provide support for those illegally detained, and to investigate those responsible and accountable for these violations.

Show your support – Now!

GMB Shout supports [Amnesty's e-petition](#) to raise awareness and support for those who have escaped the murderous hands of the Chechen authorities. In the climate of homophobia, some families and communities have joined in the persecution. We ask you to support the e-petitions and any local campaigning actions.

All cosy in the UK?

The UK must get its own house in order as well. LGBT-phobia exists at work, at home, in public and online. Homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crime, and with racist and Islamophobic hate crime, in the UK soared dramatically after the EU Referendum result last June. It just shows how the politics of hatred and fear translate into abuse, violence and murder.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week

#NHCAW takes place annually in October. This year, it's on 14-21 October. Hate Crime UK have confirmed with St Paul's Cathedral that the official National Act of Hope and Remembrance will take place on Sunday 15 October 2017. We hope to see many of you there.

✪ Sign Amnesty's e-petition:

[www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/stop-abducting-and-killing-gay-men-chechnya](#)

✪ Report LGBT hate crime to Galop online:

[galop.org.uk/online-report-form/](#)

✪ See Stop Hate Crime UK's website - latest HC news, support and resources (including in languages other than English): [stophateuk.org/](#)



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London Region Equality delivering change

By Brian Shaw, GMB REF Chair and Shout Secretary

In 2015, a motion submitted by GMB Shout to GMB London Regional Equality conference was passed and was voted to go forward to GMB National Equality Conference 2016. The motion called for the Central Executive Committee (CEC) to review reserved seats for all the groups represented by GMB National Equality Forum (NEF).

At the moment, there are only reserved seats for women and BME, and this motion wanted this extended to include disabled, LGBT+ and Young members.

At National Equality Conference (NEC) last year, the motion was passed and voted by delegates there to go to Congress. At Congress, the motion was composited but passed with support from the Central Executive with a statement.



Tim Roache and London delegates at NEC 2017

This set up an Equality Action Group (EAG) to look at the issue and come up with recommendations. One of the first decisions was to co-opt the disabled lead and LGBT+ lead from the NEF to the CEC. A bold, progressive and inclusive step which our General Secretary supports.

The EAG issued their recommendations early 2017 to Regional Committees and the Central Executive. After feedback – and with some opposition - the proposals went back to the Central Executive at their late April meeting.

Again some opposition to the proposals was expressed but thanks to our members on the Central Executive, Penny Robinson and Dean Gilligan along with Carl Banks the national LGBT+ lead, the proposals were passed by the CEC.

Congress Decides

Next, the CEC will present the proposals via a special report to Congress 2017 with related rule changes. If then passed, we will start the process of getting the seats filled.

Possible elections in autumn 2017

This will mean a by-election to Regional Council for two from each area: disability, LGBT+ and Young members. Current proposals are that these will be nominated by the Regional Equality Forums. At the next CEC elections, there will be two additional seats per strand elected to the CEC.

There have been attempts before to get to this situation, however they have failed. This time we have worked with other regions, engaged with many people and GMB equality activists to ensure that these inclusive reforms have widespread approval and take GMB's equality actions, and the union, into the 21st century.

The story of a statue...

By Megan Dobney, GMB Member and member of the Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Committee

The story of a statue...

A big welcome to the first GMB London Equality Newsletter. I want to share a story with you about a woman whose life and work was motivated by the struggle of equality for all – Sylvia Pankhurst, the socialist suffragette. A campaign supported by the GMB.

London's first May Day march, organised by the London Trades Councils, set off from Clerkenwell Green in 1890 – and it still does. In future years, with your help, we will gather there under the gaze of a new statue to Sylvia Pankhurst.

Why a statue for Sylvia?

Sylvia wrote the definitive history of the suffragette movement and whilst her name is primarily associated with the fight for votes for women she was also active in socialist causes both domestic and international.

You may not know that Sylvia was expelled from the suffragette movement, the Women's Social and Political Union, by her sister Christabel, endorsed by her mother Emmeline. They were opposed to her determination, working as she was in the East End of London to improve the conditions of the working class, and her belief, unlike her mother and sister, that campaigning for votes for women should not be suspended during the First World War. The final straw was Sylvia speaking in defence of James Larkin, leader of the Irish TGWU, and workers, victims of the 1913 Dublin Lock out. This is why she is not represented on the memorial to Emmeline and Christabel and the women imprisoned during the campaign for women's suffrage



The bronze maquette – a model of the statue

(despite Sylvia also being imprisoned and force fed) in Victoria Tower Gardens, next to the House of Lords.

Her absence from this monument was a motivating force behind our campaign and so the Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Committee was born.

Their Lordships say “No”

We wanted to site the statue on College Green opposite the palace of Westminster. We received planning permission from Westminster Council but we also needed the permission of the Commons and the Lords. Initially the Commons declined but we lobbied hard and they relented.

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Not so the Lords! They refused. The reason for their opposition? “She had no relationship with the House of Lords”. More likely is the interpretation in a recent *Guardian* article by Rachel Holmes who wrote “Sylvia was a socialist and internationalist – and no doubt far too rich for the blood of those running Britain right now”.

A better place!

We kept at it for 10 years! Then we decided on a better place. Dubbed the “headquarters of republicanism, revolution and ultra non-conformity” we decided Clerkenwell Green would be a much more suitable site for Sylvia. Host to Chartist gatherings, rallies supporting the Tolpuddle Martyrs and Irish freedom, the Green is also home to the Marx Memorial Library established in 1933 as a beacon against the burning of books by fascists in Hitler’s Germany.

Thanks to Lord Chris Smith – an enthusiastic Patron of our campaign (alongside Helen Pankhurst, Rodney Bickerstaffe, Maxine Peake, Brenda Dean and Margaret Prosser) we were introduced to Islington Council. They immediately told us that they wanted the statue erected and are working with us to make this happen.

We are delighted to have their support and also that of the Corporation of the City of London – now we urgently need £70,000 if we are to erect the statue in 2018. Our campaign is grass roots funded, raising modest but welcome donations from individuals and trade union branches.

We ask GMB members to please donate to:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sylviastatue

Our website is www.gn.apc.org/sylviapankhurst

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Cheques should be made payable to “SERTUC (Sylvia Pankhurst)” and sent to Megan Dobney, SERTUC, Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

Contact us 01479 851 306 or 07952 771 451 and philippa.clark@yahoo.co.uk

Then come with your GMB banners next year and fill Clerkenwell Green to celebrate your contribution to the raising of a statue of Sylvia, the socialist suffragette.

NEXT ISSUE: Your Autumn issue is out from late August / early September.

We’d love to hear from you, whether you are a member, a rep or involved in equalities work in your local community.

Please send in your articles, news, photos, feedback or any events that you want to share with GMB London Region members. Drop us a line at: neflgbt@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline for items is 12 July 2017. The maximum word count for articles is 700 words.

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GMB Sisters

GMB Shout! LGBT+

GMB Race London

GMB Young London

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5 – 7 June	GMB Congress	Plymouth
8 June	General Election	Vote – vote – vote!
27 June	GMB Sisters – Open meeting	All women members welcome
28 June	Fringe meeting – hosted by GMB Shout!	Contact info@gmbshout.net for details
6-7 July	TUC LGBT+ Conference	For info
8 July	London Pride 2017	Contact info@gmbshout.net for details
9 July	UK Black Pride	Contact info@gmbshout.net for details
15 July	GMB Race AGM	Details to be confirmed
29 July	Norwich Pride	Contact info@gmbshout.net for details
8 August	GMB Sisters – Open meeting	All women members welcome
19 September	GMB Sisters – Open meeting	All women members welcome
October	Black History Month (BHM)	blackhistorymonth.org.uk/
4 October	GMB Race – BHM event	Details to be confirmed
10 October	World Mental Health Day	mentalhealth.org.uk/
14 - 22 Oct.	National Hate Crime Awareness Week	#NHCAW
31 October	GMB Sisters AGM	All women members welcome
4 November	GMB Regional Equality Conference	Email equality@gmb.org.uk
1 December	GMB Shout AGM	Email info@gmbshout.net for info

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1 TELL US ABOUT YOU

Surname <input type="text"/>	First name <input type="text"/>	Title <input type="text"/>	Date of birth <input type="text"/>
Home address <input type="text"/>	Home phone number <input type="text"/>	Mobile number <input type="text"/>	Postcode <input type="text"/>
We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members Bengladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> / Black African <input type="checkbox"/> / Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> / Black British <input type="checkbox"/> / Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> / Indian <input type="checkbox"/> / Irish <input type="checkbox"/> / Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> / White <input type="checkbox"/> / Other: <input type="text"/>			Tick here if you do not wish to contribute to the GMB collective affiliation to the Labour Party <input type="checkbox"/>
National Insurance number <input type="text"/>	I agree to abide by GMB rules Signed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date <input type="text"/>	

2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB

Employer <input type="text"/>	Your job <input type="text"/>
Address where you work <input type="text"/>	How many hours a week do you work? <input type="text"/>
Postcode <input type="text"/>	Pay number <input type="text"/>
I authorise my employer to pass my bank details on to GMB to activate my union membership – Signed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I give my employer permission to notify GMB of any future change of address <input type="checkbox"/>
	Pay date <input type="text"/>

3 PLEASE SELECT WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE THE DIRECT DEBIT TO BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT

If you are paid monthly	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	1st day of the month*	8th day of the month*	16th day of the month*	23rd day of the month*	Last day of the month*
OR: If you are paid 4 weekly	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	*or next working day
	1st Friday	2nd Friday	3rd Friday	4th Friday	

4 INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT

Please fill in the form below and send to: GMB, John Cope House, 152 Brent St, Hendon, London NW4 2DP

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To the Manager of <input type="text"/>	Bank/Building Society <input type="text"/>
Address <input type="text"/>	
Postcode <input type="text"/>	

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Bank/Building Society account number

Bank/Building Society Sort Code

Banks or Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account

Service User Number

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society: Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
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For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. If your A/C number is not available fill in your address below.

Reference number (GMB use only)