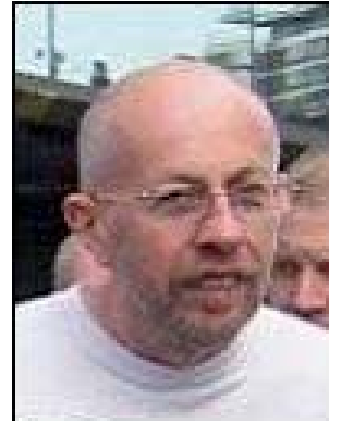
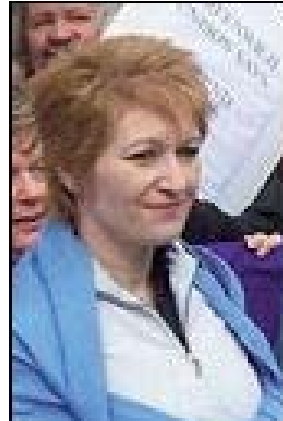


# Defend the Four Campaign

# Defend Union Democracy



## THE FOUR BANNED FROM OFFICE

## OUTRAGEOUS 'RACISM' CHARGE

Four outstanding Unison activists have been found guilty on trumped up disciplinary charges and banned from holding office in Unison. Glenn Kelly (NEC member and branch secretary of Bromley Unison) and Onay Kasab (branch secretary of Greenwich Unison) have been banned for three years. Suzanne Muna (branch secretary of Tenant Services Authority) has been banned for four years and Brian Debus (branch chair of Hackney Unison) for five years. The bans will come into effect if an appeal hearing later this year upholds them.

They are accused of attacking "the integrity of the members of the Standing Orders Committee" for questioning the removal of key motions from the conference agenda.

The charge of giving "racist offence to members" refers to the cartoon of the three wise monkeys on the leaflet, despite the investigation accepting there was no racist intent.

### DISGRACEFUL CHARGE OF RACISM

To find four members who have always opposed, fought and campaigned against racism of effectively being racist themselves is not only

outrageous but a terrible accusation for these four Unison members to have to bear. Such a racist slur is bound to cause difficulties in the future, especially when working and applying for jobs in the public sector.

This has provoked anger and outrage both within Unison and in the wider trade union movement. The priority of every union should be to defend its members from job losses, reduced hours and worse conditions which are being foisted on workers during this recession. However the Unison bureaucracy are instead narrowly focused on silencing any opposition to the Unison leadership, especially socialists with a track record of fighting for their members.

### TWO YEARS OF "TRIAL" OF FOUR

For two whole years the four have been through tortuous, money-wasting investigation and hearings. Five were originally investigated but only those who are Socialist Party members faced disciplinary hearings and bans from office, clearly revealing that this is an attack on Socialist Party members.

## GLENN KELLY RE-ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE

The fact that Glenn Kelly was re-elected to the NEC this year with a bigger majority than before demonstrates the support for his views from the membership.

The Unison bureaucracy is only interested in maintaining their hold on the union and propping up New Labour – opposition to which is growing in the union. This is the reason for the expulsion and bans of Unison activists that dare to question and oppose the leadership.

This is a desperate attempt by the Unison leadership to maintain their positions as they become more isolated from the mood of their membership. The need and struggle for an accountable, democratic fighting union will intensify in a period where public sector workers fear for their jobs, conditions and pensions.

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## Support needed

1. Hundreds of protest letters have been sent to Dave Prentis but we need more.

Send protests to:

Dave Prentis

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London WC1H 9AJ

Or e-mail: [d.prentis@unison.co.uk](mailto:d.prentis@unison.co.uk)

Send copies to:

Defend the Four Campaign, PO Box 858, London E11

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Or e-mail: [info@stopthewitchhunt.org.uk](mailto:info@stopthewitchhunt.org.uk)

(Protest letter to sign is on the website: [www.stopthewitchhunt.org.uk](http://www.stopthewitchhunt.org.uk))

2. A groundbreaking Employment Tribunal is taking place from 10-14 August. The four are claiming that they are being discriminated against because of their "philosophical beliefs" (ie being members of the Socialist Party).

We need supporters to attend the court - even if only for a morning or day during this week.

3. Defend the Four Public Meeting  
Wednesday 23 September 7.30 ULU, London (near Euston station) More details later.

4. Donations

Please send in donations so that we can produce more leaflets, book rooms for meetings and keep in touch with supporters.

Cheques payable to: "Stop the witch-hunt" Send to:  
Defend the Four Campaign, PO Box 858, London, E11 1YG.

5. Lobbies of the Appeal hearings will take place when dates are known.

6. If you would like to receive e-mail updates on the campaign please send your e-mail address to: [info@stopthewitchhunt.org.uk](mailto:info@stopthewitchhunt.org.uk).

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attending any of these events in case of  
changes in times, venues etc.**