



Associate and Retired Members North West Committee Newsletter

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Helping ARMS to help build PCS in 2018

PCS Branches have been extremely busy this year. Austerity attacks continue, but members have stood up to the task and demonstrated their commitment to supporting PCS policies in defending terms and conditions.

ARMS North West Members have had the privilege to stand alongside PCS Members and also other unions and various campaigners in dispute in 2017.

We see our role as three fold:

- Actively supporting and further publicising PCS in its campaigns including issues affecting our retired members.
- Showing support for the wider trade union and labour movement.
- Recruiting members to PCS

We have listed some of the examples of our activity in this newsletter.

Appeal to Branches to address your BECs, members meetings or AGMs in 2018

ARMS nationally has approaching 10,500 members, which equates to £262,000 in membership subs. ARMs receives £12,800 (4.9% of total ARMS subs) from this income for their running costs. The rest provides a valuable boost to the union's campaigning fund.

ARMS is determined to recruit more leavers. An extra 10,000 recruits over the next twelve months would provide £¼ million income for the union. Branches can significantly help us achieve this.

Please consider inviting us to address your meetings to help us recruit members and tell you more about what we do. We can provide an information stall as well, but we would like the opportunity of putting our case to you in person.

We want to hear from you as you are the experts on how best we can recruit your current members to ARMs when they decide to leave employment. Please contact details shown on this newsletter.

Many thanks for your ongoing support



ARMS members supported a Revenue & Customs pay cap protest in Liverpool in October.



ARMS member Tony Mulhearn in campaigning mode.

Happy Christmas from all of us on the PCS North West ARMS committee.



Manchester ARMS members supporting an anti-fracking demo - Fylde coast area.



ARMS NW supporting the NHS in London.



ARMS supporting the RMT safety dispute in Liverpool.



ARMS at the Peterloo Memorial Campaign in Manchester in August.



NW ARMS members opposing the closure of Eastern Avenue Jobcentre in Sheffield, South Yorkshire.



ARMS members assisting the phone round for the pay cap ballot.

"The NHS will last as long as there are folk left with faith to fight for it"

Aneurin Bevan

pcs Make ARMS membership your New Year's resolution!

Together we are stronger

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