

Pay Campaign Weekly Update – 7/4/06

Firstly, apologies for the lack of updates over the last couple of weeks but I have been on leave.

Summary

- Discussions with HR aimed at trying to resolve the dispute are ongoing.
- The Workplace Meeting pack has now been issued and posted in the intranet.

Central Lobbying

- Discussions with HR and the DG have been ongoing this week, looking both at how we resolve our differences from last year and how we might better work together in 2006.
- These discussions are still ongoing. My current feeling is that whilst I do believe that the measure of our anger has been received and that there is a genuine will on the part of senior managers not to allow last years issues to recur again, our discussions have not yet resulted in the sort of assurances which would enable us to actually end the current campaign.
- Therefore whilst our discussions are positive they are not yet conclusive. More on this asap.

Local Activity

- **Workplace Meetings:** To date the efforts to organise workplace meetings have been rather overshadowed by our discussions with the DG and HR. However several tentative dates and venues have been agreed and further details of these will be circulated in due course.

Given the current progress with central talks it is probable that workplace meetings will become even more important and it is likely that early after Easter we shall take a more focused and coordinated approach to local meetings and will centrally coordinate a regional programme.

Therefore even though we are in discussions to try and resolve the dispute, it is essential that we continue to raise the profile of the campaign with as many members as possible. Please can you therefore try and make an opportunity to organise a meeting – possibly in the margins of the forthcoming non-pay benefits meetings.

As highlighted in the meeting pack on the intranet, if you do set up a meeting then please let me know, and if you need any help or support with the meeting then again I am happy to help.

- **Postcards, posters, notice-board headers, wristbands, and membership forms:** These are all available either for download from the intranet or by post from here. If you need any supplies then please let me know.
- **Recruitment:** Based on feedback, recruitment now seems to have all but dried up. Please can I ask that everyone makes a further effort to try and recruit. I know it's hard work, but please keep trying.

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