

PCS People

PCS People is our members' magazine. Published three times a year, it has a lively mixture of news, features, competitions and members' stories reflecting your interests, experiences and concerns.

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[Read the latest issue of our members' magazine PCS People](#), which focuses on the general election.

There is also a [special supplement on our annual delegate conference](#), including details of the debates and motions passed, fringe events, the organising awards and a summary of the financial report.

[Our lead story on the](#) general election explains the importance of voting in the general election on 4 July and links to our nine demands for an incoming government, issues for you to consider when casting your vote.

Read the latest columns by our [general secretary Fran Heathcote](#) and our [president Martin Cavanagh](#) – both stress the importance of voting in the general election and how PCS will put maximum pressure on the incoming government to achieve our demands.

There is also [an update on our national campaign](#) and an article on how [we are continuing to work with other unions to campaign on pensions justice](#).

There is a section on [international solidarity and why it is a trade union issue](#), and an article on [Ukraine: the war through a trade union lens](#).

There are lots of other interesting and informative articles inside, including:

- A [mythbuster and frequently asked questions about the Four-Day Week campaign](#).
- A section on legal wins including how [PCS's solicitors were able to win compensation for the widow of a jobcentre member killed in a car crash](#).
- A [Me and My Job](#) interview with Beth Winter-Page, a member of an all-female craftsperson team in Forestry England.

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DETERMINATION Members at National Museums Liverpool have won an improved pay deal after a resolute and effective 60-days of strike action - see p8

UK general election: our demands for members

PCS sets out what members need from the next government and urges all to vote

PCS is putting the union's national campaign objectives for members at the centre of our lobbying work in the run-up to the UK general election on 4 July. The election strategy was agreed at an emergency meeting of the national executive committee (NEC) on 4 June. As part of it, the union has called a charter of demands to the future government which covers

nine key topics for members, ranging from pay, pensions and jobs, to trade union rights, to major reforms around housing, social security and immigration (see p6). Members are being encouraged to highlight these demands to local candidates while PCS voices them nationally with parties and leaders. The union also urges all members to have their voice heard by using their vote in this vital election. PCS remains a non-party

affiliated trade union, representing a broad membership. Our key objectives will be promoted to all candidates and parties. Guides to lobbying have been produced and sent to PCS reps and regional offices to help with the process. Given the polling forecasts, the NEC also agreed that an approach would be made to the Labour leader, highlighting the union's ongoing campaigning objectives on pay but also placing our vital demands on

him and his party, should they become the next government and therefore employer to the majority of our civil service members. PCS General Secretary Fran Heald wrote to Sir Keir Starmer on 13 June, urging him to meet PCS and work positively with the union to acknowledge members' concerns over attacks on their pay, pensions and job security, and to discuss major civil service reforms. See pages 6, 8 & 9 for more

Got a story for our next issue?

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