

EDUCATION A c t i o n 4

Presents:

POLITICS, PITS AND PROTEST

FRINGE PROGRAMME FOR THE DURHAM MINERS GALA 2018

Established in 2013 Education 4 Action facilitates events in the week preceding the Durham Miners Gala. We are a team of enthusiastic volunteers with a shared mining and Labour heritage. We work closely with the DMA, Marras and like-minded organisation and will warmly welcome anyone interested in joining us.

All events other than those identified as private are open to everyone, are **FREE** and will be held in the Miners' Hall, Redhills, Durham City. The building is accessible and refreshments are available at most events.

SATURDAY 7TH JULY – EDUCATION 4 ACTION - REDHILLS OPEN DAY

9.30am – 3.00pm

Come share and celebrate with us our mining heritage, in this unique listed building. A wonderful opportunity to explore the 'Pitman's Parliament' and beautiful grounds. Guided tours by heritage volunteers: These will take place at **10.30am** and **1.00pm**.

Refreshments (tea, coffee, biscuits, scones etc) will be available from 10am for a small donation.

For further information and to book onto a tour please email education4action@durhamminers.co.uk.

MONDAY 9TH JULY – EDUCATION 4 ACTION

9.30am – 2.30pm: Redhill's Sixth Form Visit (private)

A day long education and arts workshop, working with a local secondary school sixth form exploring history, politics, music, trade unions, mining communities and heritage.

If your school is interested in becoming part of this ongoing project or if you would like to arrange a visit at another time, please contact us at education4action@durhamminers.co.uk.

7.30pm – 10.30pm: Ribbon Road, No Redemption Songs: Live Music & Film

Drinks will be available from the 'red tent' bar from 7.00pm.

A wonderful evening of film and live music. The film based on Keith Patterson's iconic photographs from Easington in August '84 and Ribbon Road perform Brenda Heslop's beautifully crafted songs drawing from folk music's long tradition.

"Brenda's songs are filled with compassion, sorrow hope and anger all in equal measure. The anger is mostly aimed at those who profit from the pain of others" (Mike Harding). "Fabulous- Do you know there's some kind of music that makes your heart swell" (Frank Hennessey).

Register for your free tickets at <https://bit.ly/2sNDwrn>.

TUESDAY 10TH JULY – HERITAGE DAY

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (WEA) North East, History & Heritage Branch presents:

'History in the First Person'

The group showcases and discusses ways in which groups can interpret history for varied audiences.

11.00am: Tour of Redhills for WEA students based at Ebony Day Care for adults with learning difficulties and complex needs.

12.45pm: 'Tatties, Tears and Telegrams'

A unique opportunity to see a film made by the students of the Ebony 2 Day Care Centre for adults with learning difficulties and complex needs which explores the ways in which people profoundly changed by World War 1 continued to struggle for their rights during the 1926 strike. Come and see this powerful and emotive film within a unique and historic setting.

The Checkweighman .The film is followed by a preview of a new activity devised by Education 4 Action for their school's programme. This will feature first person re-enactments and song writing designed to bring to life a significant part of our shared history.

7.00pm: North East Labour History Society presents:**'A funny thing happened on the road to Utopia: North East History and the art of the political playwright'**

A talk and discussion from South Shield's based Ed Waugh, the leading North East political playwright. Ed is the author of some 35 plays and stage shows celebrating North East heroes such as Harry Clasper (Haddaway Harry) and Ned Corvan (Mr Corvan's Music Hall).

For more information <https://bit.ly/2sYZAi1>

WEDNESDAY 11 JULY – EDUCATION 4 ACTION

9.30am – 2.30pm: Redhill’s Primary School Visit (private)

A day long primary education workshop, working with a local primary school, exploring history, politics, music, trade unions, mining communities and heritage. We are calling it ‘The Checkweighman’

If your school is interested in becoming part of this ongoing project or you would like to arrange a visit at another time, please contact us at education4action@durhamminers.co.uk.

3.00pm – 10.00pm: Women’s Banner Group presents:

‘Redhills Revolution: A Celebration of Women’

Refreshments including tea, coffee Prosecco and traditional ‘Durham Buffet’ food will be available in the tea tent from 3pm-6pm. Drinks will be available from the ‘red tent’ bar from 5pm-10pm. Merchandise will also be on sale.

2018 marks a momentous year and one in which the newly formed Women’s Banner Group plan to celebrate the achievements of women in trade unions, politics and the local community. Join the Women’s Banner Group for the official unveiling of their Community Banner; a real recognition of the work women have put into this project as well as a look back on the history of women from the region and the impact their work had on our communities.

There will be a large selection of beautiful historical women's section banners from politics, the miners' strike and the community displayed around Redhills on the day. This is a unique opportunity to see some of these historic symbols of Durham’s political struggle displayed for the first time in Redhills and celebrate the role of women in that struggle.

An exciting programme is planned with live performances in the Pitman’s Parliament from some of the region's most incredible storytellers, musicians, poets, actors and choirs and performances of brass and pipe bands in the grounds of Redhills ahead of the indoor performances.

Register for your free ticket(s) at <https://bit.ly/2JLC3eP>

For more information about the Women’s Banner Group see www.facebook.com/womensbannergroup

6.30pm – 9.00pm: INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS EDUCATION presents: (in Committee Room)

Miners and their unions: can we make the world a better place?

IWCE are a team of trade union tutors who campaign for social justice through educational sessions. This is about the international role played by miners and other unions in developing sustainable energy policies and international solidarity

FRIDAY 13TH JULY EDUCATION 4 ACTION

5.30pm- 6.45 pm: The DAVE HOPPER ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

Drinks will be available from the 'red tent' bar from 5.30pm.

Following the resounding success of the inaugural memorial lecture in 2017 Education 4 Action are proud to present the Dave Hopper Memorial Lecture in the Pitman's Parliament with two leading Labour women shadow ministers. **Emily Thornberry and Laura Pidcock**

Dave Hopper was a lifelong socialist, activist and internationalist. It is therefore fitting in this the International Year of Woman and the centenary of the first stage in Women's Suffrage that the lecture will be delivered by two Labour shadow ministers **Emily Thornberry** (Shadow Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and chaired by **Laura Pidcock** (NW Durham MP and Shadow Minister for Labour).

Join us for what promises to be a great evening. Demand is likely to be high -to ensure your seat book your seat on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/2LHC6FT>

City of Durham CLP's raffle (first prize- Afternoon Tea with Dennis Skinner) will be drawn at our event and the proceeds will be shared with the Marras. Don't forget to buy your ticket. Details from walter.hannah1985@googlemail.com



Limited car parking is available at Redhill's which is restricted to blue badge holders and the building is fully accessible. There is on street parking in the nearby streets too. Tickets for all events are free however donation buckets will be available should anyone wish to support the work of Education 4 Action and contribute towards the cost of our programme of activities.

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