

# 2019 Highlights

Celebrating  
our 120th year  
by building  
for the future.



## January

EC agrees to commission scoping of futures sustainability and partnerships and funding for education provision.

Pension scheme commutation factors and investments comprehensively reviewed.

GS produces submission to Labour Party review of Youth Service.

Productive meetings held with potential affiliates.

Support given to New Deal for workers campaign.

GS attends SME4Labour event.



## February

GFTU moves into new offices on Quorn site and opens two new learning rooms.

Constructive meetings held with Shadow Chancellor on a range of issues.

Productive meetings held with Unions on use of Quorn.

## March

GS Chairs celebration of 120 years of Ruskin College.

Trade Union Officials' Apprenticeship approved.



## April

GFTU becomes assessment centre for trade union officials' apprenticeship.

Pharmacists Defence Association Affiliate to GFTU.

Productive meetings held on professionalising marketing of Quorn.

GFTU office space offered to partners.

Ten new services for affiliates arranged for launch at BGC.

## May

First training on pay negotiations for PDA.

Workable Books Graphic Novel on the history of progressive struggles in Britain launched.

Parliamentary reception to celebrate GFTU's 120th year.

GFTU sponsored film season at Home Cinema in Manchester on Women organising in the Movement.

GFTU Celebrates 120th Anniversary in style at BGC.

Workable Books launches For the Many Not the Few a graphic novel history of the struggle for rights and democracy. Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell launch the book.

GFTU works to establish assessment centre for new trade union officials' apprenticeship.

Solidarity for campaign to save British Steel in Scunthorpe.

NAPO win significant partial renationalisation of probation service.

New affiliates GGCA, VOICE and PDA address BGC.

Dave Ward General Secretary of CWU outlines vision for a new deal for workers.

Leicestershire Partnerships moves into GFTU Office as new partner.

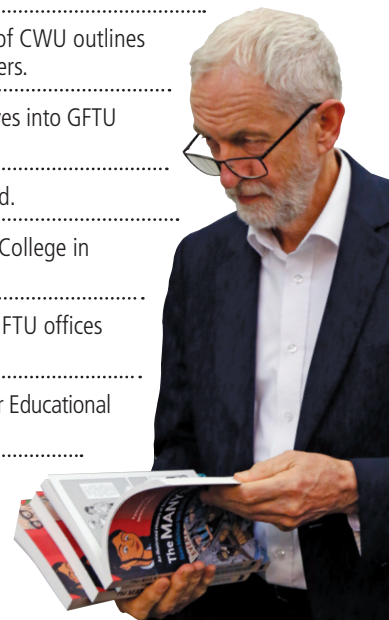
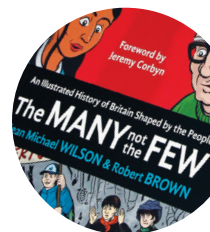
New win win services launched.

GS re-elected Chair of Ruskin College in contested election.

Final stages of move to new GFTU offices completed.

BGC auction raises £1,200 for Educational Trust.

Partners raise £19,000 for Education Trust.



## June

International Peace Delegation to Imrali report published with support of GFTU.

Affiliated unions General Secretaries' meeting plans work on NEC training and Gen Sec's training.

Good reviews of GFTU/NI new history book received.

25 Room hotel extension opens.

President attends UK Vietnam Network meeting with British Ambassador to Vietnam.

President attends planning meeting for British Kebab awards.

GS addresses Community Conference.



## July

President meets with Shout Out concerning political literacy education in football clubs.

GS addresses Durham Miners Gala.

GFTU Gift to DMA donated to Redhills. Framed poem about miners.

Education Trust considers future education and funding strategies.

EC supports campaign for Windrush generation.

Retail Book Association applies for affiliation and accepted.

National House Building Council Staff Association applies for affiliation and accepted.

Video message sent to Conference in solidarity with Venezuela and against the blockade.

GFTU website renewed.



GFTU supported to be the End Point Assessment Body for the new Trade Union Officials' apprenticeship.

25 room extension to hotel and training centre opened.

## August

Illustrated history of the GFTU published.

GFTU assists affiliate in setting questions for their GS election.



## September

GS addresses Wigan Diggers Festival on the works of Winstanley.

Successful TUC Fringe meeting with Shout Out, and others on Trade Union Education.

Pharmacists Defence Association hold first reps training for new reps in Boots at Quorn.

Podiatrists and Physiotherapists Unions maintain regular use of Quorn for training.

GS meets new Psychotherapists and Counsellors' Union for discussions re affiliation.

## October

Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association applies for affiliation and accepted.

GFTU opposes US withdrawal from Northern Syria.

GFTU campaigning with Chooseyouth helps lead to government consultation on the Youth Service and major new Labour Party Policy commitment to provide a statutory Youth Service and new policy document Only Young Once.

GFTU commences new Trade Union Management training programme with Institute for Leadership and Management certification.



New online learning resources launched.

New Head of Finance and Senior Finance Officer appointed.

EC member Sarah Woolley elected General Secretary of the Bakers Food and Allied Workers' Union.

GFTU Sponsors Sorry We Missed You, new Ken Loach film. Premier in London a great success.

President addresses NAPO Conference.

President addresses SWU Conference.

Psychotherapy and Counselling Union affiliates to the GFTU.

## November

Banner Theatre Free For All show performed at end of year EC.

Durham Miners' Association and Trade Union Labour Organisation and Durham Marras make presentations to EC.

EC takes report on situation in Bolivia.

Commissioned report on future of GFTU education provision presented.

GS chairs sessions at annual Latin America Conference in London.

Young Members' Development Weekend held at Quorn.

## December

First tenants welcomed to new GFTU housing.

Package of new and established Win Win Services for Affiliates launched.

