

FREEDOM FOR ÖCALAN



Freedom for Abdullah Öcalan and the political prisoners in Turkey.
Öcalan's freedom will mark a breakthrough for the democratization
of Turkey and peace in Kurdistan.

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**Resisting dictatorship in Turkey and building a
democratic alternative in Syria – the critical role of the
Kurds in defining a new Middle East.**

TUC 2017 Fringe Meeting

Tuesday 12th September, 12.45 The Regent Room, The Grand Hotel

Speakers

Chair – Simon Dubbins, Unite the Union Director of International

Christine Blower – NUT International Secretary

Michelle Allison – Kurdistan National Congress (KNK) women representative

Stephen Smellie – Branch Secretary, UNISON South Lanarkshire

Doug Nicholls – General Secretary, General Federation of Trade Unions

Elif Sarican – Kurdistan Students Union



Peace in Kurdistan



All TUC delegates and friends welcome
Buffet lunch and refreshments provided

Turkey's policy of war against the Kurds in Turkey and Rojava

Turkey is in the throes of massive repression with President Erdogan having ordered the arrest and detention of hundreds of thousands of opposition politicians, journalists, trade unionists, human rights activists and many, many others. He has also declared a brutal war on the Kurdish population and undertaken massive military actions – murdering thousands and destroying cities.

However, despite the repression democratic forces and the Kurdish population continue to resist. At the same time with ISIS on the verge of being defeated in Syria and a referendum on Kurdish independence in Iraq looming, the Kurds are in a pivotal role to help define a new tolerant inclusive and democratic Middle East.



Come and join us to hear from experts on the subject and help develop our solidarity work in this vital area.

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