



**COACH TICKET AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT
THE TUC MARCH ON SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2011**

Please find enclosed your coach ticket for the Nottingham City UNISON Coaches that will be travelling to the TUC March in London on SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2011. If, for any reason, you no longer require your seat, please let us know immediately (Tel: 9156883) as there may be others waiting for a seat.

If you also booked tickets for friends or colleagues, and did not give a separate name and address for them, their tickets will also be included with this letter. As names will be checked as you get on the Coach it would be helpful if you all travel together on the same coach.

1. COACHES

The Coaches will leave from outside the Salutation Inn on Maid Marian Way at 6.30am and will leave London at approx 6.00pm. Nottingham City UNISON Coaches will be identified by a placard and a Coach Number. You can travel on any of the Nottingham City UNISON coaches (excluding the coach allocated to Students). Please ensure you make a note of your coach number and return on the same coach. If you are not intending to return to Nottingham on the Coach please ensure you notify the Steward.

2. COACH DROP OFF / PICK UP POINTS

Because of the scale of the event, many roads in and around the centre of London will be closed, and all coaches have been instructed to park at Wembley or the Excel Conference Centre. We have arranged for our Coaches to drop off and pick up as close to the event as possible (**please see Map 1**).

Coach Drop Off

Coaches will drop off at Euston Station. You can either walk to the Embankment (35 – 40 minutes) or take the Tube from Euston (Northern Line) to the Embankment.

Coach Pick Up

Coaches will pick up at Sussex Gardens (north of Hyde Park). Coaches will try to park as close as possible to the junction of Sussex Gardens and Edgware Road. **Coaches will depart from Sussex Gardens at 6.00pm.**

3. THE MARCH

The March will gather on Victoria Embankment and form up between Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges from 11.00am. It will start moving off around noon, but because of the likely size the last marchers will not be leaving until after two, and possibly later. **The route for the March is enclosed (Map 2).**

4. THE RALLY

The TUC estimate that the March will arrive in Hyde Park shortly after 1:15pm with the Rally starting around 1:30pm. Because they expect large numbers they estimate that people will still be arriving in the Park at 4.00pm – and possibly later. The rally will therefore run until around 4:30pm.

In the Park

In addition to the stage and giant screens in the park, there will be refreshment facilities and extra toilets. (There are good public toilets in Trafalgar Square along the route too.) Additional information can be found at

<http://marchforthealternative.org.uk/march-logistics/locations/>

5. TUBE TICKETS

Although we have arranged drop off / pick up points as close to the event as possible, you are likely to need to travel by tube.

You may prefer to purchase your tube ticket in advance and these can be purchased from <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/default.aspx> (scroll down to the bottom of this page to “Visiting London – Buy your tickets in advance”). If you are unable to purchase your ticket in advance, they can be purchased from Tube Stations and London Travel Information Centres. There are two main types of ticket – the Oyster Card and the Travelcard. There is detailed information on the website about which card you should buy. If you are only travelling between the drop off and pick up points, then the Oyster Card will be the cheapest option as it costs £1.90 per single journey (within Zones 1 & 2), compared to £4.00 per journey if you pay in cash. **The most it will cost if you purchase an Oyster Card and only travel between the Coach Drop Off and Pick Up Points will be £3.80.**

However, if you intend to make more use of the Tube, then the Travelcard may be the cheapest option as it costs £6.60 for an Off Peak Day Adult Travelcard covering Zones 1 - 2.

Unfortunately Nottingham City UNISON is unable to purchase the tube tickets on your behalf. If anyone is suffering financial hardship and is unable to pay £3.80 for the Oyster Card then they should write to the Branch Secretary, 4-6 Perth Street, Nottingham, NG1 3LU by Tuesday 22 March and consideration will be given to reimbursement. We will not be able to reimburse any costs greater than £3.80.

We hope the event will be a huge success and hope that the small cost for your tube fare does not deter anyone from attending the event.

6. ACCESS AND DISABILITY

Facilities are being put in place to make the March as accessible as possible.

For those who wish to join the march for a shorter distance there is a short march assembly point in St James St (off Piccadilly). There are accessible toilets that we have arranged within reasonable distance of this assembly point too. This will allow people to join the march for the final stretch into Hyde Park. People will need to be formed up there and ready to go by 12:45pm

Further information on Access and Disability can be found at

<http://marchforthealternative.org.uk/march-logistics/access-and-disability-2/>

Finally, it is going to be a very long and tiring day. Please wear sensible footwear and clothing. You may want to bring a waterproof coat in case of bad weather, and bring food and drink to last throughout the day.

Best Wishes
Nottingham City UNISON

