

A VICTORY FOR THE MINERS IS A VICTORY FOR US ALL

Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners

SHOW WHICH SIDE YOU'RE ON
AND HELP TO KEEP THAT CASH
COMING IN. THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT.

VICTORY TO THE MINERS AND
VICTORY TO GAY AND LESBIAN
LIBERATION.



The miners have been on strike now for almost a year and during that time the gay community has donated over £13,000. This much needed money has been sent to the mining communities of South Wales, who are depending on you to give them support and as much money as you can afford. The amount sent each week by Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners is half of what they need to feed the striking families, so the Dulais Valley depends on this vital contribution to exist.

Remember, single miners receive nothing from the state, this includes gay miners. Thatcher and her cronies take £16 per week from supplementary benefit paid to the families of striking miners for strike pay they are assumed to receive. If the NUM had paid out this money it would have paid out £2,240,000 per week which over the life of the strike to date would represent £89,600,000. Given the fact that the Tories have stolen the NUMs funding, where the hell is this money supposed to come from?

If this strike isn't won, we as Lesbians and Gays have a lot to lose when the Tories and their henchmen come for us. It has become quite clear that the police are attempting to criminalise large sections of the community and they look upon certain groups in our society such as black people, trade unionists, Irish people, lesbians and gay men as criminals.

Our community is constantly under attack from the state, our pubs, clubs and bookshops have been raided and the illegal practice of Agent Provocateur continues unchecked.

The Tory Government is behind all these attacks as it tries to drive our communities back into invisibility. We now have the most reactionary government in living memory which is striving to enforce social control on everyone as the recent Police and Criminal Evidence Act shows, and the present strike is seen as a direct threat to this policy of divide and rule.

The miners and the 'Women Against Pit Closures' show what a community can achieve if they stand up and fight this repressive state machine.

If the miners are defeated in this strike what chance have we got?

We are helping to break down the barriers which have existed between our communities, and lesbians and gays have received national recognition for their stand of solidarity in this class struggle. Show the miners and their families the support they need and show the Tories that we won't be pushed aside.

'We support civil liberties and the struggle of lesbians and gay people. We welcome the links forged in South Wales and other areas. Our struggle is yours, victory to the miners.'
(statement by the National Union of Mineworkers)

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