

International solidarity and collective bargaining

This Conference believes that the development of genuine, meaningful international solidarity is a key element of any trade union industrial strategy.

To be effective against global corporations working class unity must extend its reach far outside the borders of individual states. Whether that is building international combines with real collective bargaining strategies, governed by workplace representatives working for the same employers and in the same sectors. Or, by looking to safeguard jobs, pay and conditions by taking disputes international and delivering campaigns to apply pressure on the real decision makers. International solidarity is critical.

However, this Conference believes that the principle of international trade union work is undermined when money is spent on trips and other matters not directly related to collective bargaining or building rank and file power. This has to stop.

To build our international work we must engage our own members, who will rightly demand the work.

Therefore, this Conference supports:

- A thorough review of our international expenditure and affiliations to take place during the next six months.
- For that review to focus on value for money and whether we are seeing any meaningful impact on job security and collective bargaining as a result of our expenditure.
- To not agree any further increases to subscriptions to existing international affiliations before the review is completed.
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- For every instance of international travel to be subject to written justification, with clear reasoning provided as to how that expenditure will directly support our members jobs, pay and conditions.
- Bar exceptional circumstances, to stop all international expenditure that is failing to directly contribute to the defence or improvement of members jobs, pay and conditions, until the end of the review.