

HISTORY

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Newcastle upon Tyne TUC was founded in 1873. Ever since, the Trades Council has been working to unite trades unionists across the City.

In 1890, it was the Trades Council which responded to the international campaign for the Eight Hour Day, and organised Tyneside's first May Day.

In the 1970s, it was the Trades Council which set up Britain's first Centre Against Unemployment , leading to a national network, supported by the Trades Union Congress .

For much of its history the Trades Council was without a home. But in 1986, with support from the wider trade union movement, we acquired our own city-centre building in the Cloth Market. This now houses the Centre Against Unemployment, and acts a focus for labour movement activity in the City.

For its centenary, the Trades Council published a history in pamphlet form. In due course this will be added to this web site. More recent history is contained in the Annual Reports presented to the Annual General Meeting held every February. Several are included here, together with the list of delegates who have held the role of President, Secretary and Treasurer, as far back as can be remembered.

We also cherish the memory of stalwart members of Newcastle TUC who have sadly passed away. Follow the link Roll of Honour to read their biographies.

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