

24 September 2013

Brothers and Sisters,

Unite is standing side by side with the Fire Brigades Union in their strike action, 12noon until 4pm, Wednesday 25 September 2013 in England and Wales.

People across the country know that the service provided by members of the Fire Brigades Union is a vital one and that the decision to take strike action is a difficult one for your union.

Not only are Unite's 1.5million members amongst the many people who rely on your service, Unite, as a general union, is, and has been, involved in many struggles across industries as working people face increasing attacks on their pay, terms and conditions and quality of life.

We therefore recognise the importance of your struggle in fighting off this attempt to make firefighters work longer, pay more and get less. By standing together across the trade union movement we can fight for better public services, and for the people who work hard to deliver those services to be treated decently.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Len McCluskey".

Len McCluskey
Unite, General Secretary