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SPOTLIGHT ON

One week to go until our conference

This year we'll be looking at reinvigorating unions within the changing world of work, considering how AI and platform working impacts on workers and their unions and how collective voice can support workers and employers in the current and future economy.

We'll be debating with thought-leaders from Google, the Social Change Agency, RSA and the OECD, as well as senior trade unionists, politicians, employers and academics.

Tickets are limited for the event at the ITF in Borough on Tuesday 21 May from 9am so [sign up now!](#)

RECENT NEWS AND VIEWS

Call to recruit young members

Organising young workers in non-unionised workplaces must be a priority for unions to halt the decline in membership, argues Becky Wright, Unions 21 director, in her latest blog.

Despite young workers more likely to work where unions aren't recognised, the opportunities to organise are not unfamiliar to unions, with young people facing a rise in temporary contracts and wage freezes.

Read more in [Becky's blog](#) and find out more about [our conference](#)



Sir David Metcalf on the future of enforcement

Compliance is an industrial issue, from ensuring statutory pay to implementing safe equipment and working practices. Legislation needs effective enforcement, with several organisations responsible for compliance.

In our latest podcast, we talk candidly with Professor Sir David Metcalf, Director of the Office of Labour Market Enforcement, about coordination across agencies, and look towards his second annual report due out soon.

We also explore how enforcement might develop, the restructuring of existing agencies, and anticipate a consultative exercise from the government.

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Further thinking from Unions 21

We're always keen to engage with the leading thinkers and influencers in the industrial space.

Our most recent podcasts feature conversations with:

- [Christina Colclough from Uni Global Union and Jonnie Penn from Cambridge University](#) on the need for human agency in AI development
- [Sir Brendan Barber](#), ACAS chair on the organisation's future
- [Chi Onwurah MP](#), Labour's spokesperson on industrial strategy

Catch up on the latest opinions on collective voice [here](#).

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