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## **Unions 21 at TUC and Labour Party Conference**

Join Unions 21 at our <u>TUC fringe on Tuesday lunchtime</u> to discuss our new publication: "New model unions: options for the 21st century" which looks at how unions' operating models could take advantage of new ways of working.

Exploring opportunities to grow membership, ensure industrial strength and manage budgets, report author, John Forth, senior lecturer in human resource management at Cass Business School, will be joined by Mathias Askholm, co-leader of HK Labs, an innovation project in Denmark's 180,000-strong HK Union, which focuses on new technology within unions.

The fringe will be chaired by Sue Fearns, Unions 21 Chair and Senior Deputy General Secretary of Prospect.

Unions 21 Executive Director, Becky Wright, will be chairing a fringe at Labour conference on the theme: "Does Labour have a progressive plan for the NHS?" on Sunday 22 September. The panel will include senior colleagues from the Royal College of Midwives and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (tbc)

**TUC fringe**: Tuesday 10 September, 12.30pm to 2pm, West Bar, Brighton Conference Centre, refreshments provided

**Labour fringe**: Sunday 22 September, 12.30 to 2pm, Holiday Inn, Brighton, refreshments provided.

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### Unions 21 in the news

Listen to Unions 21 executive director Becky Wright as she unpicks the reasons for unions taking strike action on <u>BBC Humberside</u> in the light of BALPA's Ryanair and British Airways disputes - and learn that the first recorded strike action was held over pay by Ramses III workers in 1159 BC. (Becky's on the line 2hrs 12 mins into the show)

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# Brexit: what lessons can be learned and how unions can prepare

Our blog from June on the UK's adversarial approach to Brexit both with the EU and within Parliament continues to ring true. In his piece, Dr. Richard Saundry, Professor of HRM & Employment Relations at Plymouth University, considers how the UK's position stems from a long-standing lack of negotiating know-how, and how post-Brexit workers' rights remain a vital issue.

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"Managing Brexit" offers advice and ideas for managing change for your union and your members.

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#### **Podcast**

## **Further thinking from Unions 21**

We're always keen to engage with the leading thinkers and influencers in the industrial space, most recently:

- Becky Wright, executive director of Unions 21, on what modern union organising should look like
- Damon Silvers, director of policy and special counsel at the AFL-CIO, America's TUC, on saving right to work and community organising
- Andy Haldane, chief economist at the Bank of England and chair of the Industrial Strategy Council, on the voice of unions on the council
- Dr Jo Grady, newly elected General Secretary of UCU, on her election campaign
- Jess Philips MP, co-chair of the APPG on women and work, on deep-rooted sexism in the workplace

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