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# BULLETIN



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### PDAU secures recognition in *Boots*

It took a seven-year recognition campaign but a joint commitment to “creating a productive, trusting, positive and successful relationship” has finally been secured between the Pharmacists’ Defence Association Union (PDAU) and *Boots*.

The first collective bargaining meeting of the union and the high street chain took place on 1 April in Leicester after the PDAU’s ballot in March led to 92% of eligible pharmacists voting yes for recognition.

The route to PDAU’s success is covered in our [blog and podcast](#). The future of collective voice is the theme of [Unions 21’s annual conference](#) on 21 May.

**Vote ‘YES’**  
for an independent voice at work



[the-pda.org/boots-recognition](http://the-pda.org/boots-recognition)

#2800Pharmacists

THE PDA  union  
strength in numbers

## ETUC report on organising atypical workers

It's a question which unions have been attempting to answer for a while now: how to organise and protect workers in non-unionised, non-traditional workspaces.

The ETUC's report on "New trade union strategies for new forms of employment" launched on 8 April and looks across Europe for ideas on how to recruit and support members in areas of employment which fall outside of labour and social security protections.

Starting with 'who is a worker?' the report looks at the rise of self-employment within platform-based companies, and how unions can secure collective agreements.



## NHS: A blueprint for employer-union relationships?

In our [latest podcast](#), we talk to Danny Mortimer, Chief Executive of NHS Employers, about how much can be achieved when each negotiator understands the other's situation, especially when faced with external strains such as funding and Brexit's impact on staffing.

As the largest employers' organisation, NHS Employers could be regarded as a standard-setter, and we consider how to develop this model for the benefit of everyone.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**21 May**

### **Unions 21 Annual Conference**

This year we'll be exploring how to reinvigorate unions, particularly how collective voice can overcome issues workers face now and in the future economy.

Bringing together trade unions, politicians, academia and partner organisations to discuss the future of work, we'll be looking at how to extend worker voice.

We'll also be launching our new publication "WorksForUs", the first report from the Commission on Collective Voice in 21st Century.

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