

## **Young Workers Lead Annual Report 2020**

2020 has been a challenging year for all, with covid-19 permeating all aspects of our Trade Union. For Young workers, this has been no exception and presented a unique challenge to ourselves looking to organise as Regional Leads. On the other hand, I feel the challenges we have faced this year have shone a light on the contribution young workers make to industries which have been conceded only recently to be essential.

**Whether it has been our postal or telecoms and financial services sectors; young workers have been at the forefront to the UK's response to the Covid Pandemic.** A consequence of this has been increased sickness rate at work with many of our members selected to shield for health reasons, this has changed the demographic across our workplaces which we will use to promote the rights of young workers going forward.

Laura Walker has been elected to North Lancs and Cumbria Branch, spike in interest in trade unionist due to Covid related workplace issues. We have utilised the young workers network to promote digital YW's events.

Due to Covid the scope of our engagement has been limited, but we have utilised WhatsApp and the digital network to continue to organise regionally. Our quarterly meetings have been held digitally and after office hours to encourage attendance with many young reps tied up with pressing workplace issues.

Branch Mapping is on-going nationally, with a regional contact list available.

We have not been able to practically organise a joint event in the current circumstances but will endeavour to arrange this as soon as circumstances permit.

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