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NO
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STOP ALL
THE CUTS
FIGHT FOR
EVERY JOB

DON'T
CONSIDER
OUR POST

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STRIKE
NOW!

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NOW!

LOOK
TO BEAT
GOVERNMENT

NO
CUTS

Scottish
Government
ought to
be

STRIKE
TOGETHER
TO BEAT THE
GOVERNMENT

NO
CUTS

FOR PUBLIC SERVICES NOT PRIVATE
JOIN US
SURREY COUNTY
UNISON
the public service union

THOMPSON
SOLICITORS
UNION
AND
VICTORY

NO
CUTS

NO
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Hands Off
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ERITH AND THAMESMEAD
LABOUR PARTY

DEFENDING
PUBLIC
SERVICES
TOGETHER

24 HOUR
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MTO ANGRY
TO GET
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About Thompsons Solicitors

At Thompsons Solicitors, we are also proud to help members of Trade Unions with personal injury compensation claims.

Thompsons will only work for an injured member of the public and unlike some other solicitors, will never work for insurance companies or employers.

Thompsons Solicitors has a reputation for taking aggressive legal action to ensure we secure the maximum amount of compensation in the shortest possible time and secure, over £150 million as personal injury compensation every year for our clients who have been injured in accidents for which they were not at fault.



Origins of Thompsons

- Founded in September 1921 by W H Thompson
- W H Thompson represented the Poplar Guardians in 1921, was a founder member of the Council for Civil Liberties, published “Civil Liberties” in 1934 and represented the anti Fascist movement in 1930s.

Community and International Campaigns

- Employers' Liability Insurance Bureau
- Justice for Asbestos Families
- Anti Fascist Campaigning
- South Africa
- India
- Cuba
- Colombia

Working with Trade Unions

- Specialist legal advice to Union members and their families
- Taking a wider public interest view in pursuing cases to establish precedents for future claims
- Working together to highlight and eradicate unsafe working practices
- Working together to protect the rights of Union members to take industrial action
- Working together to lobby Parliament

Landmark Victories

- Paris v. Stepney Borough Council (1951)
 - An employer has to take into account all factors including an employee's circumstances, the knowledge of the employer, the likelihood of an accident happening and the gravity of consequences should an accident happen
- John Summers & Sons Ltd v. Frost (1955)
 - The duty to guard the dangerous moving part of a machine is absolute even where the consequences of doing so would render a machine commercially unusable
- Bonnington Castings v. Wardlaw (1956)
 - The concept of material contribution in lung disease cases

Landmark Victories

- Thompsons and Others v. Smiths Ship Repairers (North Shields) Ltd (1984)
 - establishing the right to compensation for noise induced hearing loss and tinnitus
- Walker v. Northumberland (1995)
 - Stress induced illness caused as a result of work
- Armstrong and Others v. British Coal (1998)
 - establishing that British Coal ought to have recognised that working with vibrating tools could give rise to injury and that they should have taken steps to protect their workforce

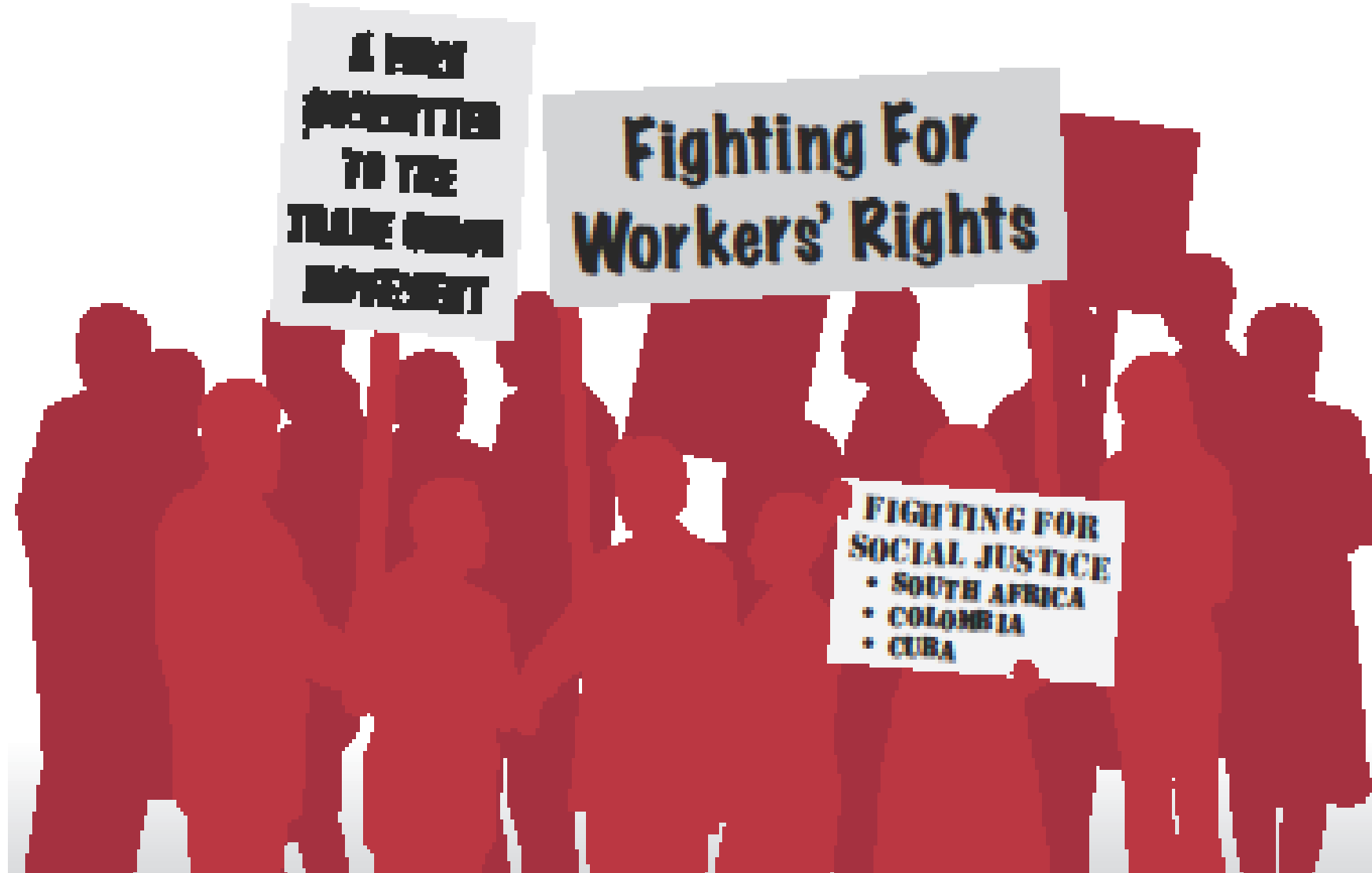
Landmark Victories

- Fairchild and Other v. Glenhaven Funeral Services Limited (2002)
 - establishing the application of the material contribution principle to multiple defendants in mesothelioma cases
 - establishing the right of Claimants to seek a provisional damages settlement for an asbestos related condition
- Dugmore v. Swansea NHS Trust and another (2003)
 - The duty under COSHH to prevent or adequately control exposure is absolute
- Dawson v. The Cherry Tree Machine Company Limited and another (2001)
 - regarding the application of the Asbestos Industry Regulations 1931

Landmark Victories

- Harris v. EWS Limited (2006)
 - noise induced hearing loss claim where the Defendants were found in breach of duty for exposure to noise levels between 85dB and 90dB
- Allison v. London Underground (2008)
 - provision of work equipment, the importance of risk assessments and the appropriate use of an ergonomics expert

Ongoing and future challenges...



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