

Press Release

**Remembrance Sunday Lecture, Philip Jennings, General Secretary of UNI Global Union,
“Freedom from Fear: Unions for Peace”**

Imperial War Museum, London, 15:00 November 12th

GLOBAL UNION LEADER CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR PEACE IN A FRACTURED WORLD

UNIONS, A VITAL COG IN THE PEACE MACHINE TACKLING THE THREATS TO PEACE

UNI Global Union’s General Secretary, Philip Jennings, will deliver the Movement for the Abolition of War Remembrance Sunday Lecture at the Imperial War Museum at 15.00, Sunday, November 12th 2017.

On a day when we remember the millions who died in the First World War and subsequent wars, Jennings, the leader of a global union which represents 20 million members around the world including the United Kingdom, will call for a renewed collective action to tackle the threats to peace.

Jennings said, “With growing tensions on the Korean peninsula, and a world seemingly bent on self-destruction, we, the union movement, will not bury our heads in the sand but instead stand tall with our friends in the peace movement to face up to this challenge. We must create a world free from fear and that includes every one of us.”

During the lecture Jennings will explore the ties that have bound the trade union movement to the peace movement over the last century or more and its relevance today to the struggle for social justice.

Jennings said, “Social justice, vital to peace, is under attack from growing insecurity, and political and economic violence. Workers are experiencing stagnant wages, while eight men have the wealth of half the population of the planet. This is an unacceptable state of affairs which is sapping the confidence of our democracies to deliver on peace and inclusion. Democratic spaces are being closed down across every continent and union rights are under attack everywhere, contributing to a fractured and fragmented world. Yet we the union and peace movements remain defiant and will not accept this status quo.”

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