

## **Pay round gets under way**

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The autumn pay round has got under way with the GMT metal and textile union and GPA private employees' union beginning their negotiations in the metal and energy sectors. The GDG is also preparing for negotiations in the public sector. As background the GDG notes recent tax cuts for the rich, record company profits and public sector workers unable to take on a greater workload. In view of these factors the union has said it won't be satisfied with arguments from employers about the need to make savings. The GDG expressed its solidarity with the GMT and GPA in their attempts to get a fair share in their current negotiations. Negotiations in the gas and heating industries have been broken off. Unions are unhappy with the latest offer from the employers of a 2.3% pay increase and unspecified lump sum.

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