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Merseyrail Update

Pay - no increase for 2021

TSSA has received letters from the company stating that there will be no pay increase for 2021 for nearly all staff except for staff on salaries at or below £24,000 per year, where an increase of £250 will be paid from 1 April 2021.

Similar pay freezes have been applied in train operating companies that have franchise agreements with the Department for Transport. Given that unlike those, Merseyrail has not received the government financial assistance that the DfT franchise companies have, it has already undertaken several rounds of redundancies, and therefore this has come as no surprise.

It is recognised that the biggest concern for our members at present given the massive downturn in revenues is to hang on to their jobs. To that end, TSSA is keen to work with both Merseyrail, Merseytravel and the Liverpool City Region to ensure that passenger numbers and revenue recover, and Liam Robinson will be meeting with the TSSA Executive Committee on 27 April 2021.

TSSA reps needed

TSSA currently has only one rep in Merseyrail - Keith Sheppard. Since the departure of Julie Stamper, TSSA has no reps in Liverpool Rail House - no reps for either clerical or management grades.

It goes without saying that in these uncertain times it is vital that the staff are represented. Anyone who wishes to discuss how they can play an active part in building TSSA in Merseyrail is asked to email Steve Coe (the TSSA paid official responsible for Merseyrail) at coes@tssa.org.uk.



Ask a colleague to join TSSA!

TSSA members in Merseyrail can help the union to achieve change for the better by talking to colleagues, and persuading those not already in membership to join the union.

The more members the union has, the more power it has in the workplace, and the more influence it has in shaping the views of key decision makers.

It's so easy to join online!

Just go to: <http://www.tssa.org.uk/en/join-us/index.cfm>

Keep in touch!

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Please therefore ensure that TSSA has the up to date contact details for you (preferred email address and mobile phone number - personal rather than company ones are better). You can do this by logging into **MyTSSA** at <https://www.tssa.org.uk/en/members-area/member-login.cfm> and update your details. Alternatively, email membership@tssa.org.uk. And please check that your colleagues are receiving TSSA communications - if they are not, pass this circular on and ask them to update their details.

The TSSA website is a good source of information, and it is being constantly updated as things develop - go to www.tssa.org.uk. Look out for a new TSSA website soon!

TSSA has a presence on social media. For those with access to Facebook, you should 'like' the **TSSA - Transport Salaried Staffs' Association** page for general news and **TSSA Health & Safety** for health and safety news including news on Covid-19. For information on Covid-19, go to www.tssa.org.uk/coronavirus

TSSA also has a presence on twitter, which is constantly updated - see @TSSAunion

