

The past in the present:

Reflections on coalmining and the miners' strike 1984-85

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Programme

09:00 **Registration and coffee/tea**

09:45 **Welcome and introduction**

10:00 **Opening film: *Breaking Point***
(the film will be introduced by the director, Kjell-Ake Andersson)

11:00 **Break**

11:15 **Plenary: Women, place and community in the strike and today**
Chair: *Sheila Rowbotham* | Speakers: *Christine Powell, Natalie Thomlinson*

12:15 **Lunch**

13:15 **Panels: Context of the Strike**

Coal: A State Corporation

Speakers:
Keith Gildart
Ben Curtis

The Mass Strike: strategies and tactics, lessons for today

Speakers:
Jane Holgate
Ian Isaac

Building solidarity

Chair:
Dai Donovan
Speakers:
Sian Moore
Shavanah Taj
Phil Taylor

14:15 **Panels: Beyond the Industry**

The role of the state

Speakers:
John (Lord) Hendy KC
Joanna Gilmore
Geoff Shears

The role of the media

Speakers:
Granville Williams
Nick Jones
Polly Smythe

15:15 **Break**

15:30 **Panels: The Coalfields Today**

Memories of the strike, legacies of coal

Chair:
Valerie Walkerdine
Speakers:
Helen Blakely
Kat Simpson

Changed jobs; Changed Class?

Speakers:
Richard Gater
Dan Evans

Why are the coalfields distinctive?

Speakers:
Victoria Winckler
Rhys Davies

16:30 **Closing Plenary: The End of Coal - Contours of a Decarbonised Economy**

Speaker: *David Edgerton*

17:30 **Post-Conference Reception**