The past in the present:
Reflections on coalmining and the miners’ strike 1984-85

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  I  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