

Welcome to this new edition of the Trades Union Disability Alliance (TUDA) newsletter.

TUDA - the Trade Union Disability Alliance - is an organisation of Disabled Trade Union Members. We are a campaigning group with individual members from over two dozen different Trade Unions. TUDA aims to:

- Co-ordinate the perspective of Disabled people in the Trade Union movement;
- Bridge the gap between the Trade Union and Disability movements;
- Work within, and lobby, Trade Unions to ensure they make their own services accessible and relevant to Disabled Members;
- Ensure that Trade Unions support our continuing campaign for full civil rights;
- Promote understanding of disability as an equalities issues, giving talks and training to Trade Unions;
- Work with Disabled people to persuade them of the benefits of Trade Union membership and activity.



All Opinions stated herein are the personal opinions of the authors of each article and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of TUDA unless specifically stated.

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The TUDA AGM will take place on 19/October/2013.

This important meeting will commence at 11:00AM and should close by 3:30pm

Speakers will include:

- DPAC (Disabled People Against The Cuts),
- Transport for all,
- TUC (Trades Union Congress)

Refreshments will be provided.

The venue will be fully accessible,

The Venue for this meeting is:

Unite House,
128 Theobalds Road,
Holborn,
London,
WC1X 8TN

For further information or if you wish to attend please send an E-mail to our secretary Seán McGovern , via info@tuda-online.org with TUDA AGM in the subject line. Or write to "BM TUDA, London, WC1N 3XX"

TUDA's New Website & E-Mail Address

Some of you may have noticed that our old website <http://www.tuda.org.uk/> has been down for some time. This was the result of a breakdown in communications between us and our old web space provider. After numerous attempts to remedy this situation we decided to move on, procure a new domain and web space, then setup a new website there. This new website is now up and running and can be seen at <http://www.tuda-online.org/> Please visit this site regularly, for the latest information regarding TUDA as well as other Disability & Trades Union related matters. Also please ask the webmasters of your Trades Union Disability group to set up (*or update*) a link to the new TUDA site. As a consequence of the above the old TUDA E-mail addresses "mail@tuda.org.uk" and "info@tuda.org.uk" are no longer functional so we have set up a new official TUDA E-mail address, this new address is "info@tuda-online.org" This new E-mail address is functioning and should be used by anyone who wishes to contact TUDA. Please Put TUDA into the subject line of any E-mails you send to this address.

Disabled Trade Unionists and Disabled Grass Roots Campaigners Bring Central London to a Standstill!

Last Wednesday evening, 22nd May, around 200 disability activists blocked the junction at Tottenham Court Road and Oxford Street for over an hour in protest at this government's continued attacks on disabled peoples' benefits, welfare resources, and indeed in all too many cases, their very existence.



Sean, in red, speaking to journalist, John Pring at Tottenham Court Road Protest

Earlier in the day, just a short distance away, a couple of hundred trade unionists were in attendance at the TUC's annual Disabled Workers' Conference, where Seán McGovern, Co-Chair of the TUC DWC, set the mood of for the event with a speech that told in stark terms this government's unremitting attack on our class, and especially the vicious lies and distortions it continued propagating at the expense of disabled people.

Finishing his address by stating that trade unionists must join with sisters and brothers within our communities, to send an unequivocal message to this government that disabled workers share the same

struggle as unemployed sisters and brothers as well as those disabled who can't work.

The first few motions covered:

- Recruitment of Disabled Workers
- Defending the Welfare State and the Rights of Disabled People
- Protection of Disability Rights
- UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities
- Universal Credit and SEN Change
- Changes to Work Choices Programme

The debate around these issues was very lively. The delegates were sending out a clear message; and the message was: 'We're not standing by and allowing this government to wreck our welfare state and kill thousands of us in the process!'

Straight after lunchtime, during which an excellent standing-room-only-fringe meeting on 'Autism and Neurodiversity in the Workplace' took place chaired by Unite's Tom Butler, our first guest speaker of the afternoon, Francesca Martinez took to the platform.

For those of you who with the misfortune of not knowing who Francesca is, well she's an actor and comedian with disabilities; whose material, while very funny, also has a political edge. Francesca is deeply involved in the disabled people's **WOW (War On Welfare) petition**.

Francesca told the conference that an "*attack on basic human rights*" was being perpetrated against disabled people by this government; and that

"People my age with so much to offer have been writing to me and expressing such worry over issues such as the closure of the Independent Living Fund. A very common thing written to me is a stark

choice between losing all their care and being isolated at home or being forced into institutions."

Ideology, not money, is what is behind the benefits' cuts; and they are aimed at those in our society who can least defend themselves.

Martinez received a standing ovation as she stated she'd be taking part in anti-austerity direct action; and that: *"Those in power are not going to give in unless you force them to. That means making things uncomfortable. There is no other way things are going to change."*

Francesca finished by saying: *"It might take more than marching and protesting. It might take a national strike. I don't think change occurs because of polite pleading. I also support any action taken and I will be out there on the streets with you."*

With an international tour to start, Francesca left the hall to a standing ovation of tumultuous proportions. We liked her; we liked what she had to say; and, most importantly we liked the fact that what she said to us needed saying!

A few motions later, and Andy Greene from Disabled People Against the Cuts (or as they're better known across the country, DPAC) came on to speak on how ordinary people were dealing with the cuts.

DPAC, though a relatively young organization, has packed a lot into its short life. It wouldn't be amiss to say that this group of disabled people and their supporters have led the way in direct action against the austerity cuts and brutal way in which ATOS assess sick and disabled people for benefit; DPAC has carried the fight from the Internet and public meetings onto the street and indeed into government offices.

With an eloquence and determination, Andy's speech took hold of the conference; and when he appealed for trade union delegates to take

direct action, they didn't take too much persuasion. Mandy Hudson, co-chair of the TUC Disabled Workers Committee, called for support for action to which the majority agreed; with that she closed the conference early and we made our way to Tottenham Court Road.

At around 5pm a group of disabled protestors stopped on the crossing by the Dominion Theatre at the top end of Tottenham Court Road, and began a protest. The theme of the protest was the coming together of disabled trade unionists and disabled grassroots campaigners. Our aim to show this government that we don't buy into their 'workers versus shirkers' propaganda; that whether we are disabled and in work or disabled and out of work, we are still one class; and this governments smashing of the welfare state and selling off of the NHS is a fight we must all join.

The demo went quite smoothly. Cabbies and bus drivers seemed bemused by a bunch of crips asserting their authority on the streets. Indeed, the police merely spoke to several of us, individually; and when they discovered that we were indeed all called 'Spasticus' they stood back and allowed the protest to continue.

Wednesday's action was important for a number of reasons. First it showed that disabled trade unionists aren't simply about attending countless committees where we, with the best intentions, vote on masses of motions that may or may not change the world. It also showed that direct action does have a place; and if the action is carried out in the correct way, that it's a powerful medium in which to engage with the wider public.

Had we remained ensconced in our conference last week, we'd have moved a few motions quicker; and carried out very important work for our movement. Our conferences are a vital part of trade union democracy, and as such we should endeavor to ensure they are well attended, and as importantly, filled with issues that impact upon our

members and the wider community. Our decision to take the conference to the streets was the correct decision; and I am proud to belong to a movement that sees the big picture and acts upon it.

Submitted by By: Seán McGovern,
TUC General Council Member
Unite Executive Council Member

Amnesty International condemns coalition for assault on disabled

At its AGM on April 14 2013, Amnesty International UK passed a resolution on the Human Rights of sick and disabled people in the UK. **This AGM Calls for urgent action to halt the abrogation of the Human Rights of sick & disabled people by the ruling Coalition government and its associated corporate contractors. Calls for AIUK to urgently work with grassroots human rights campaigns by and for sick and disabled people, carers and their families. And to set up a specialist Disability Human Rights network akin to the already existing-**

- **Children's Human Rights network**
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender network**
- **Teach Rights**
- **Trade Union network**
- **Women's Action network**

To protect the human rights of People with disabilities, ill people and carers to halt this regressive & lethal assault on our rights.

Proposers Background Note:

Since signing the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People in 2009, successive British governments have not fulfilled their responsibilities. This has now resulted in between 1,300 to 10,600 people dying after having had their health benefits withdrawn over the last 3 years. Researchers and NGO's have catalogued multiple abuses and

malpractice by government agencies and contracted private corporations who administer unnecessary medical tests. The British Medical Association has unanimously voted for these tests, to be ceased immediately. Yet the tests continue daily, causing immense terror in the disabled community.

Two thirds of people affected by cuts to housing and council allowances (420,000), are sick and disabled people, putting specially adapted homes and consequently health at risk. Legal aid has been withdrawn, making appeals to the court tribunal service against government administered entitlement tests all but impossible.

Independent living and support will be withdrawn breaching the fundamental ethos and many articles of the Convention. This will mean further deaths amongst vulnerable groups already victimised with rising levels of hate crime, government officials briefing media to create stigmatisation in order to enable these policies, forced labour programmes that have been ruled illegal and abusive and degrading practices administered by unqualified medical personnel.

The most recent Human Rights Joint Committee (Twenty-Third Report) by the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee found serious failings by the State to follow the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People and concluded the cumulative effect of policies were 'regressive', the UNCRPD had been ignored and had not been incorporated into UK law with the government falsely describing it as 'soft law' that did not need statutory standing.

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE:

Amnesty International (AI) works against grave abuses of the right to freedom from direct or indirect discrimination on the basis of race, sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion or belief, political or other opinion, ethnicity, national or social origin, disability, or other status. Legal guarantees of non-discrimination and legal guarantees of equality, though expressed differently, are articulations of the same obligation. Both the right to non-discrimination and the right to equality require measures that prohibit discrimination as well as positive steps to

address longstanding disadvantages, and to prevent discrimination by non-state actors.

Specifically, AI's work on disability rights has had a global focus raising issues such as the discrimination of Roma children and in particular their mis-diagnosis with mental health problems which denies them access to education. In 2012 we joined with UK civil society organisations to write to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister expressing our shared concerns for human rights in the UK, which could be undermined by the political debate around proposals for a Commission on a UK Bill of Rights (<http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/humanrightsopenletter.htm>). We sought assurances that the protection of universal human rights, including disability rights, which are safeguarded under the 1998 Human Rights Act, are safeguarded.

However, the work of AIUK in this area is limited as the UK Government has signed and ratified both the UN Convention on Disabled People and the Optional Protocol making it subject to oversight by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). The EHRC is Britain's National Human Rights Institution and has been designated alongside the Scottish Human Rights Commission, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Northern Ireland Equality Commission to fulfil this role in UK.

As the UK has ratified the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention individuals are able to take a petition to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN Committee) if they believe that their Convention rights have been breached and they have exhausted means of redress via the UK or European Courts. This step also gives the relevant UN Committee authority to undertake inquiries, when reliable information is received into allegations of grave or systematic violations of Convention rights.

AI with all of the Treaty Bodies and if the UN Committee's state examination of the UK highlight human rights abuses due to a failure to implement the Convention we would raise these concerns with the UK Government.

There is currently no special AIUK network on disability rights, nor any staff role with a remit to cover them. However, in the proposed new

structure, with added capacity within the community organising team, this may be possible. We would need to ensure this is taken forward, in line with the recommendations from the Networks Review 2011-2012, that stated that any new networks should have a good case for support, relevant research to support development from the International Secretariat (IS) and clear aims and objectives to guide their work. Resource Implications: There is currently no staff capacity to support the development of new networks. In order to take this resolution forward, we would need to reallocate staff time from another area of work. Please see, http://www.amnesty.org.uk/uploads/documents/doc_23144.pdf

Submitted by: Berni Mccrea

"Left-wing activists' treatment of disabled people as objects of pity is far more disgusting than anything the government has done." Brendan O'Neill Leftie-turned-Right-wing-Libertarian.



Brendan O'Neill's article in today's Telegraph (follow the link below) is yet another example of the lazy journalism to which we're exposed all too frequently these days. Here we have another ex-Leftie turned right-wing libertarian attempting to paint the Left as a politically moribund entity bereft of ideas and direction; while portraying the Right as the true champions of the working classes and disabled with their 'work is the only solution' message.

http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/brendanoneill2/100215053/left-wing-activists-treatment-of-disabled-people-as-objects-of-pity-is-far-more-disgusting-than-anything-the-government-has-done/#disqus_thread

From beginning to end this piece is a gross insult to the very group O'Neill purports to defend - disabled people. He begins the article by speaking as though the "...*Left-wing observers*..." (the villains of this piece) are the spokespersons for disabled people; when the reality is that it is disabled people who are speaking up for themselves on a variety of social media sites, in Blogs, on Facebook, on Twitter, in newspapers and out on the streets via direct action.

So, O'Neill's take on the fear for many disabled people expressed by themselves is a casual: "*Concerned commentators tell us disabled people will be propelled into "destitution" by the government's overhaul of disability benefits.*" O'Neill, we are the concerned commentators; and many of us are enduring the real destitution caused by the dismantling of the welfare state!

"They claim disabled people will commit suicide in droves if their benefits are changed or removed." O'Neill, look to sites such as Black Triangle, DPAC and ATOS Stories for proof of the suicides caused as a result of a flawed system that disregards the frailty and sense of hopelessness associated with some disabilities and conditions, especially those of a mental health nature.

"They refer to disabled people as "the vulnerable", as "this country's most vulnerable people"." Sadly, we do refer to ourselves as vulnerable;

because the actions of this government is forcing vulnerability upon us. Anyone that cannot see that taking away the very means that affords us independence, or power, thus placing us in a position of vulnerability fails to understand the power politics of independence.

Add to the scenario a constant barrage of negative stories, especially from the scum papers, those attack dogs of the Tory press. They have vilified and demonised disabled people for years; and it's hardly any wonder we're feeling vulnerable. When lies and propaganda are daily drip-fed to Scum and Daily Hate readers, why are we surprised to learn that disability hate crime is on the rise.

"The government's aim is to address the fact that currently some 3.2 million people receive disability living allowance by renaming the allowance a personal independence payment, and gradually reducing the number who receive it by checking if they're more capable of work and independence than we previously thought."

Oh dear, Mr O'Neill really demonstrates his ignorance of a subject he has spewed out over a thousand words on. Disability Living Allowance is a benefit paid to some disabled people to help cover the extra costs of transport and care they meet in everyday life. This benefit is non-means tested and paid to people whether in work or out of work.

It's replacement, the Personal Independence Payment, will, consistent with information out in the public domain, be more difficult to claim for many disabled people given that the criteria for qualification appears to be more stringent.

However, and unless they have other plans as yet unknown, PIP will also be non-means tested, that is, available to people in work and out of work.

His statement on DLA proves that Brendan is a lazy writer who has failed to delve into the most basic of research in order to create a balanced article.

"And the Left was definitely on the side of work for the disabled over handouts for the disabled." This is an inaccurate statement. The Left has always defended disabled people's right to work. While the more progressive of us defended the right for Remploy workers to choose supported employment.

Of course the Left was against *"...handouts for the disabled."* so inflammatorily phrased by O'Neill. Instead, the Left supports a decent level of benefit for those disabled people unable to work or forced from getting work by a discriminatory employment market; and that remains our position.

"Today, the exact opposite is the case: the Left sneers at the idea that disabled people should be expected to work and fights tooth and nail for the preservation of a benefits system that explicitly defines disabled people as incapable, unfit, as invalids, effectively."

No Brendan, our call is as loud and clear as it has always been; and that is to demand the right for disabled people who can work to be given jobs. Scores of thousands of us desire to be employed. Several thousand Remploy workers made redundant over the past six years demonstrated their wish to work; yet they had their employment stolen from them. Likewise countless unemployed disabled people dream of the day they can go to work on equal terms with other workers.

O'Neill, even you must have come across this saying in the days you flirted with the Left: *"From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."* This still holds strong today. Therefore, those of us who are able to work do so without discrimination; and those of us unable to work are afforded a living income. It is your Right in its

clamour for the maximisation of profit who label us as incapable or unproductive. It is capitalism that sees us as invalid; surplus to their requirements.

"Likewise, the Lib-Con government's approach to the disability issue leaves much to be desired: it should never have outsourced to a private company something as socially important as redefining disabled people as fit for work, and it should be investing more money in creating fruitful work for disabled people to do."

One area that we can agree upon. However, if you believe this government has any plans to invest more money into creating meaningful work for disabled people you really are lost to the dark side. Trends show that expenditure on Access to Work is falling. On closing Remploy factories and ending Residential Training Courses for disabled people, the government saved around £116 million of which they pledged £15 million extra to A2W (£5 M per year until 2015); a mere 13% extra by a government who want to show people that work works!

Submitted by By: Seán McGovern

The Welfare Reform Bill will shortly be presented to the Northern Ireland Assembly for their decision.

The Bill was considered in depth by the Northern Ireland Assembly's Social Development Committee (SDC) during the latter half of 2012. During evidence sessions from a wide range of stakeholders, (in particular the N.I. Equality Commission, the N.I. Human Rights Commission and the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions) it became clear that the Bill may not be fully compliant with equality and human rights requirements. The SDC therefore agreed to bring a motion to the Assembly under Standing Order 35 to set up an Ad Hoc Committee specifically to examine more closely these concerns.

The Ad Hoc Committee finally concluded by majority vote that it could not identify any specific breaches of equality or human rights aspects of the Bill.

However, the Ad Hoc Committee made several recommendations which it considers will promote the continued monitoring of equality and human rights considerations in the on-going introduction of welfare reform.

The SDC should continue to address the data deficits recognised in the Equality Impact Assessment by collating and analysing additional data.

Close monitoring by the Equality Commission to continue for potential adverse impacts and these to be addressed and mitigated.

Regulations relating to the provisions of the WRB should be introduced where there is policy change

Provisions should be appropriately amended to mitigate the impact of sanctions on lone parents, those with mental health issues and children.

Payment of benefit should be to the parent with care of dependent children Payment of Universal Credit may be on a bimonthly basis if the client so wishes Lone parents should not be penalised for lack of affordable and accessible childcare. Procedures should be put in place to monitor sanctions against lone parents

Households affected by the Benefit Cap should be quantified, collated and assessed to ensure there are no equality implications for any particular section of society

The Department of Social Development (DSD) should request medical evidence in the first instance for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) claims

The DSD should put in place an assessment process for the determination of entitlement to PIP in order to avoid any potential human rights implications for disabled people.

The DSD should provide legal clarity that private contractors carrying out functions that properly belong to the State are subject to the jurisdiction of the Human Rights Act 1998.

(A Single Equality Act has not yet been introduced in Northern Ireland.)

The DSD should take into account exceptional circumstances such as additional room requirements for those who have joint custody of a child,

who are foster carers, or who require additional space because of a disability.

The DSD should not apply sanctions in situations where no reasonable alternative accommodation is available in order to comply with human rights legislation.

The Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, Welfare Reform Group, and a large number of charities and organisations continue to lobby MLA's and plan to hold major demonstrations at Stormont and other important venues when the Bill is finally introduced.

Submitted By: Berni Mccrea

The Liverpool Care Pathway is a procedure that is supposedly intended "To improve care of the dying in the last hours or days of life." It involves putting the patient under deep sedation and not only withdrawing medical treatments that are intended to prolong life but even denial of nutrition and water. If you are wondering why this is a disability right issue, I should point out that almost all of the people who are put on this pathway will have a disability of some kind.

Often neither the patient nor their family are consulted prior to the implementation of this procedure and some cases have come to light where they weren't even informed. There have been reports of patients begging for water before eventually dying of dehydration. Some patients, who were supposedly terminally ill, and were consequently put on to this "care pathway" had miraculous recoveries and were even able to go home and live active lives, after their relatives defied the doctors by giving their loved ones sips of water. I am even aware of one case where a hospital went to court to win the right to put a 69 year old man called David James, on this pathway to death, against his wishes and the wishes of his family. What is even more shocking is that hospitals are being given financial incentives to put patients on to this pathway to death. These payments are made through a system called Commissioning for

Quality and Innovation, or CQUIN, which channels money to hospital trusts through NHS 'commissioners'.

Now I am not a lawyer so I may be mistaken here but I thought intentionally killing someone against his / her will when that person has not been convicted of a capital offence is murder, and if that murder is carried out by the state against large numbers of people I thought it was called genocide. I have even heard fears that this is really an attempt to free up hospital beds and rid our society of "useless eaters" but I am not in a position to confirm or deny these terrifying allegations at present. However the fact remains that hospitals are being given financial incentives to put patients onto the LCP which if followed would lead to rapid death even if the patient were perfectly healthy beforehand.

Since the above article was written a review of the LCP, conducted by Lady Julia Neuberger has concluded that the LCP should now be phased out and replaced by an individual end-of-life care plan. While I am glad to see the end of the LCP, I feel we need to keep a very close eye on it's replacement, to ensure that doesn't have the same failings as it's infamous predecessor and in particular that, unlike the LCP, it at the very least, respects the patients right to self-determination.

Submitted by: Ray Spiteri

Here are a few poems for your amusement.

They were all submitted by: Seán McGovern

A Home

A roof over the heads
Of those you cherish;
A secure environment
In which to flourish,
Nurture and grow.

The sound of tears
Resound through the years
Tempered and drowned
By laughter
As kids
In their gaggles
Giggle away

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Their fleeting youth.
A lifetime's memories
Adults fears
For future years.

You've no wealth
Except the health
And happiness
Of your own
So heavily invested
With blood, sweat, tears and
love.
Yet, leave you must,
Or go bust,
Trying to pay the blood money
Demanded by the vampires

Which
Fills the family coffers.

But now, today,
They say
You must move
Give up your home
Your nest

Who preside over
The country's fate
As though a giant jugular
For them to sate
Their greed
Thus, sealing and stealing our
future.

Chavez's Legacy

Chavez was the breath
That blew the flame
Of Bolivarian revolution;
And today his death
Is but a stage in the evolution
Of Latin America's Manifest Destiny,
Socialism from Mexico
To the foot of Chile
And, across the Caribbean isles.

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RIP Hugo Chavez

Don't Tell Us

Don't tell us cuts must be made
While blatantly your class is
paid Ten or twenty times
average pay Giving truth to the
fat cat cliché.

Don't deign to lecture us on
thrift While you produce a

seismic shift In the very fabric
of our social lives Gutting our
welfare with your knives.

Don't state you're not trying to
sell Our welfare state to your
own cartel Of plutocrats and
merchant bankers Or, as seen
by us corrupted wankers.

Don't tell us there's no other
way For us to keep the wolves
at bay Filth that makes you
want to squirm Cameron and his
Bullingdon firm.

Don't tell us we're in this
together Your sleazy words
aren't so clever For you to
perpetrate your crime And
catch us wanting every time.

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Don't think that you've got the
right To impose destruction
without a fight It'll be our turn
soon to revenge our loss By
sweeping away your Coalition
dross.

Thatcher at the Pearly Gates

Thatcher came knockin' upon
heaven's door,
"Go Away!" shouted God,
"You're rich not poor."
"But, my dad was simply a local
grocer",
Said Thatcher as she moved
ever closer.

*"That's far enough, stand away
from the gate, You're full of*

*contagion, riddled with hate;
You're destined for the other
direction, To that furnace of
perpetual correction."*

Looking down she mused, "Why
regret? I'll be there with
Dennis and Pinochet;
My sins will place me on the top
level, Just behind Churchill,
close to the Devil."

So, smiling she turned from her
creator, "God, he's agin us,
F***ing liberal traitor";

Now for those running Hell a
word to the wise, Give her no
power or else she'll privatise!

Submitted By: Seán McGovern

TUDA News Letter

I do hope that you've enjoyed reading this issue of the TUDA newsletter! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have submitted these articles, without which this newsletter couldn't exist. New submissions from TUDA members are always welcome. You can contact the editor, Ray Spiteri, by E-mail at info@tuda-online.org. Please put "TUDA Newsletter" in the subject line.

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