



**Wed 19th April  
6pm**

**Times Square  
Newcastle**

# **CHECHNYA: LGBT RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Please join UNISON Newcastle Hospital Branch as we protest the current persecution of Gay Men and the LGBT community in Chechnya and demand that they recognise that LGBT Rights are Human Rights.**

A brutal campaign against gay men is sweeping across Chechnya, an administrative unit of the Russian Federation. At least 100 men who are suspected by the authorities of being gay have been abducted, put into "concentration camps", tortured and many even killed.

Chechnya are disregarding international and domestic human rights and our government is being painfully silent with fatal consequences.

UNISON has a proud history of promoting LGBT rights and making gains for the LGBT community.

UNISON Newcastle Hospitals Branch condemn these acts and ask that you please join us and stand in solidarity with the Chechen LGBT community to let Chechnya know - the world is watching and we won't accept this. Take a stand, demand action and show that love wins over hate.

## **Speakers include:**

**Linda Hobson – Unison Northern Region Deputy Convener**

**Sophie Robinson – LGBT & International Officer Unison NTW Branch**

**Craig Smart – Unison Northern Region LGBT Committee Co-convener**

**Mo Abuzahra - Unison Northern Region International Committee Chair**

**Hannah Stevenson – LGBT Officer Unison Newcastle Hospitals Branch**



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