Oral Histories of the 1980 Steelworkers Strike

The 1980 national steelworkers strike was at the time the biggest industrial dispute in post-war Britain. It was the first major dispute between Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Government and the British trade union movement. The strike lasted 3 months and involved 100,000 workers nationally, with almost 20,000 from this region alone.

This oral history project aims to collect testimonies from workers who were involved in that strike. The objective is to record and catalogue first-hand experiences of those who witnessed and were part of one of most important, yet overlooked, events in British labour movement history.

If you were involved in this strike and are interested in contributing to this project, please contact:

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