Peter John Fyles was born in Burnley, Lancashire in January 1963. After A-Levels Peter went to Manchester Metropolitan University and studied 19th Century Working Class Movements. A few years later, after working in Israel and travelling around the world, Peter returned to education and completed A Master’s Degree at Sheffield University reading Labour Party history and completing a thesis on the 1926 Miners Lock Out. From 2002-2005 Peter worked as a Headmaster at one of Sweden’s leading Free schools in Stockholm and published two books about his beloved home town of Burnley. From 2005-2014, he was the CEO for Scandinavia’s largest Free school group with 23 schools, 1,400 staff and 16,000 students.

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Steeped in Lancashire heritage and an extensive background of labour history Dr Fyles and his small team intend to make Labour History Lancs a historical news site for workers history and to offer lecture and tutition services of the highest quality to undergraduates and the general historical community at large. Naturally, our news will focus on the North West and Lancashire and events, colleges, historians and local history societies will feature prominently in our coverage.