

West Midlands Region Black Members Self Organised Group

Issue No. 2

Next Regional Meeting

25 June 2007

Venue:
UNISON Regional Centre,
24 Livery Street,
Birmingham, B3 2PA

Dates for 2007

Monday 25 Jun 2007
Tuesday 16 Oct 2007
Saturday 24 Nov 2007
(Annual General Meeting)

5th October 2007
Black History Month
Birmingham Council House

Training Opportunities

15 - 16 October 2007:
'Dealing with a Race Grievance'

24 November 2007:
Black Members Conference Skills
Workshop

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SOG Officers

Chair - Sue Higgins

Vice Chair - Esmie Reid

Secretary - Jenny Forbes

Publicity - Sue Higgins (Temp)

Education Officer (Joint) -
Jacquie Burton/Spurgeon Smith



Recognising and challenging racism in the workplace

UNISON has consistently pressed employers to recognise and challenge racism in the workplace. The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 is part of the Government's response to the Stephen Lawrence inquiry. It requires employers to promote good race relations and monitor the ethnic composition of staff.

UNISON is working with employers to develop a clear strategy and programme of work to implement their new duties. We are pressing for the law to be extended to private companies. We have published the results of a survey of the action being taken by public sector employers on the Stephen Lawrence report, together with a guide for union negotiators.

The West Midlands Regional Race Action plan is now published, contact your Branch Secretary or Equalities Officer for a copy

Black Action: April 2007

Inside this issue: Abolition events in the country; Breaking our own chains; Black heroes, white saints?; Slavery - the struggle continues; Unite against the BNP. To obtain a copy contact Ray Salmon.

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Changing worlds, changing minds **October is Black History Month**

Across the UK, UNISON branches, employers and community groups will be celebrating the history of Black people in the workplace by organising workshops and events for Black History Month.

Black History Month is an opportunity to provide information about the perspectives and experiences of Black people, promote multiculturalism, and acknowledge black peoples' contributions to British society and history.

The theme of this year's UNISON Black History month is: Changing worlds, changing minds. Society is evolving, and the social and economic challenges we face require us to adapt with confidence and promote trade union values of dignity and respect towards fellow workers.

Watch out for Issue No. 3

Please send your comments, articles or pictures to:

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