

# Black Members in UNISON

## West Midlands Region

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### Article 1

As black members in UNISON we work together to win positive change in the workplace. The more of us that are actively involved the stronger we become. The stronger we are the more positive change we can achieve.

Play a key role in winning equality in the workplace

Actively challenge racism wherever it is found

Are at the forefront of UNISON's organising work

Enjoy UNISON's support at local, regional and national level



**Tuesday 24 February 2009**

**Tuesday 19 May 2009**

**Tuesday 11 August 2009**

**Tuesday 2 November 2009**

**Annual General Meeting 5 December 2009**

All meetings will be held at 6pm - 8pm

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

**The Union shall promote the opportunities for the following groups to organise activities to meet the purposes below:**

- 1. Women members**
- 2. Black members**
- 3. Disabled members**
- 4. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members**

**The purpose of the groups are to:**

- 1. Meet to share concerns and aspirations, and establish their own priorities**
- 2. Elect their own representatives to other levels of self organisation and to other appropriate levels of the union**
- 3. Have adequate and agreed funding and other resources, including education and training, access, publicity and communications**
- 4. Work within a flexible structure to build confidence and encourage active participation and to provide fuller participation of disadvantages members**
- 5. Work within the established policies, rules and constitutional provisions of the Union.**

**Thinking about setting up a branch based black member, then contact your branch Black Members Officer or Branch Secretary**

**War to Windrush Trip:**

**Saturday 28 February 2009**

The regional black members group will be taking current and new members on a day trip to London to visit the Imperial War Museum for a cultural visit. The trip will also include presentations given by the UNISON Assistant International Officer, Regional International Forum Officer, Regional Sports Forum Officer and representatives of Greater London Black members Group

**Training Opportunities:**

Please ask your Branch Education Officer for a copy of Education Course Programme 2009

**Black History Month event: 'Celebrating Culture, Recognising Diversity'**

**Friday 30 October**

**Birmingham Council House (Details will be advertised shortly)**

**For more information on the regional group or events please contact:**

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Build the campaign against the BNP

(22/01/09) Hope Not Hate have changed the way they're going to run their campaign against the BNP to be flexible and local. To do this they've invested in a range of grassroots tools to empower supporters and let them take the fight to the BNP on their behalf. For this grassroots strategy to work, they need to get as many people involved as possible. (extract taken from UNISON website)

Please take a few moments to check out their new website at <http://www.hopenothate.org.uk/>. Also invite your friends to join their supporter group at <http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/invite>



**CONTACT DETAILS**

- For urgent help and advice at work to go [unison.org.uk](http://unison.org.uk) or 0845 355 0845
- Your regional black members contact can put you in touch with other black members and activists.
- UNISON's national race equalities officer is Pav Akhtar.

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