

# UNISON calendar of international days and ideas for branch activities 2018



Dear UNISON member,

UNISON can be rightly proud of its long history of international work. UNISON is known, both in the UK and globally, as a union that has an international perspective on all areas of its work from organising, the fight against privatisation or the defence of employment and trade union rights.

UNISON is fortunate in having a unique network of branch and regional activists who play a vital role in taking forward its international work. The UNISON International Development Fund is a vital tool that enables the union to put in place concrete measures to compliment our policies and which is a genuine expression of international trade union solidarity. The driving forces of the neo-liberal economic model behind privatisation and out-sourcing, cuts in public spending and taxation, the driving down of workers' and trade union rights are global. UNISON has no option but to respond to these threats by working internationally as part of the European and international trade union movement.

In 2018 UNISON will promote an understanding of the international dimension to all areas of our work as a trade union and the necessity to fight neo-liberal policies both in the UK and globally.

UNISON will prioritise the following issues in 2018 as agreed by the NEC international committee:

- Colombia
- Palestine
- Turkey
- Modern Slavery

In addition to these priorities, public services in the global south will also be seen as an important policy area.

This calendar of globally-recognised international days and key days for UNISON has been designed to be used as a resource when planning work in your branch. It gives some suggested activities and provides web links to organisations working on particular issues. UNISON is affiliated to some of the organisations and encourages regions and branches to affiliate also.

The calendar is by no means a definitive list of actions/activities, nor do branches 'have to' implement them. Rather, we hope that it might inspire you to work with other branch officers to raise the profile of UNISON in your workplace, promote UNISON's international work, and use it to inform colleagues about the work of UNISON and why they should become a member and activist.

On behalf of the NEC international committee, I wish you well in 2018.

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Follow UNISON's international work online and on social media unison.org.uk/international I facebook.com/pages/UNISON-International I Twitter @UNISON global

**Calendar front cover photo:** UNISON is supporting an organising project with the Colombian childcare workers' union SINTRACIHOBI.

# International days 2018 with suggested activities and resource links

#### 27 January

# **Holocaust Memorial Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Light a candle.
- Publish a statement put out on social media/branch mailing.
- Become a friend of Hope Not Hate.
- Use the resources for trade unions on the HMD website and link up with other events.
- Remember all the genocides that have taken place since the Holocaust.

#### **Resources:**

UNISON webpage:

unison.org.uk/hmd

**Holocaust Memorial Day Trust:** 

hmd.org.uk

Hope Not Hate:

hopenothate.org.uk

# **February**

# **LGBT History Month**

#### Suggested activities:

- Liaise with equalities officers on linking international dimension to LGBT History Month.
- Promote e-actions against attacks on LGBT people.
- Promote e-actions to memorialise those have been killed due to anti-transgender prejudice.

#### Resources:

**UNISON LGBT:** 

unison.org.uk/about/our-

organisation/member-groups/LGBT

UNISON LGBT regional officers: unison.org.uk/lgbt/contacts/

LGBT History Month:

lgbthistorymonth.org.uk

Amnesty International LGBT rights amnesty.org.uk/issues/lgbt-rights

# **6 February**

# **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation**

# Suggested activities:

- Liaise with women members contacts on activities promoting awareness.
- Raise awareness using the resources and reports hosted on the UNFPA website.
- Support Amnesty International's campaign on FGM

#### Resources:

UNISON women members contact:

unison.org.uk/women/

UNFPA main site and resources:

unfpa.org

Amnesty International amnesty.org.uk/

# 17 February

# 'One Day Without Us': Celebrating Migrants

# Suggested activities:

- Organise a community event with migrants in your area, such as a lunch or dinner. Arrange for speakers to attend.
- Photograph yourselves as a group holding 1daywithoutus placards, or design your own.
- Use the event planning resources on the 1daywithoutus website for inspiration and advice on putting on an event.
- Publish your images and stories on social media as part of the '<u>Two O'Clock Unifying</u> Action' under #1DayWithoutUs.

#### Resources

1daywithoutus website

1daywithoutus.org/

1daywithoutus resources page:

1daywithoutus.org/resources

1daywithoutus Facebook page: facebook.com/1DayWithoutUs/

# International Women's Day (part of Women's History Month)

# Suggested activities:

- Issue a press release to mark the day.
- Liaise with women's and publicity officers in branch to highlight challenges facing women around equal pay, decent work, child care, maternal health, women in leadership, etc.
- Invite speakers from solidarity groups who are working on women's issues, such as JFC, BCUK, AIUK, ACTSA, etc.
- Run a stall with a solidarity group with a particular 'ask' (e.g. petition calling for end to VAW, FGM).
- Distribute/wear purple ribbons to raise awareness in branch.
- Get branch to affiliate to solidarity group working on gender issues.

#### Resources:

Action for Southern Africa:

actsa.org

Amnesty International UK:

amnesty.org.uk

Burma Campaign UK:

burmacampaign.org.uk

Justice for Colombia:

iusticeforcolombia.org

PSI women:

world-psi.org/en/topic/women

PSI EVAW:

world-psi.org/en/issue/vaw

UNISON women:

unison.org.uk/about/our-

organisation/member-groups/women

#### 17 March

# **UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

# Suggested activities:

- Make arrangements for branch members to participate in one or more of the events to be publicised on the websites listed.
- Order materials and resources from the UNISON online catalogue for the day of action.

#### **Resources:**

UN event day website:

un.org/en/racialdiscriminationday
UNISON Stand Up To Racism page:

unison.org.uk/news/stand-up-to-

racism-and-fascism/

TUC events page:

tuc.org.uk/events

#### 22 March

# World Water Day (part of Water Action Month)

# Suggested activities:

- Write to your MP urging the Department for International Development to support access to quality public water and sanitation in order to achieve Development Goal 6, clean water and sanitation for everyone.
- Support Public Services International actions against water privatisation in the Global South and related campaigns organised by Global Justice Now.

#### Resources:

End Water Poverty

www.endwaterpoverty.org

Public Services International water and sanitation campaign page:

world-psi.org/water

Global Justice Now campaigns page: globaljustice.org.uk/water

#### 23 – 25 March, Newcastle (Crowne Plaza Hotel)

#### **UNISON** international seminar

#### Suggested activities:

 Seminar for branch international relations officers and activists interested in promoting UNISON international work in their branches, including training. A draft programme will be circulated in advance. Please book early.

#### Resources:

Visit the UNISON events page for more information and details on how to register:

unison.org.uk/events/international-

Contact I.Relations@unison.co.uk.

#### 31 March

# **Transgender Day of Visibility**

# Suggested activities:

• Raise awareness of trans equality as a global workplace issue.

#### Resources:

Transgender Europe website: tgeu.org/

UNISON guide for unison reps supporting trans members:

<u>unison.org.uk/supporting-trans-</u> members

Transgender Europe website tgeu.org/

#### 7 April

# **World Health Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Set up a stall to inform staff and the public about UNISON's work to defend the NHS.
- Celebrate NHS and health initiatives in other countries.
- Write to your MP urging the Department for International Development (DFID) to stop promoting the privatisation of healthcare in the global south
- Support Public Services International campaign for the human rights to health
- Donate to Medical Aid for Palestinians.

#### **Resources:**

Official WHO World Health Day campaigns website:

who.int/campaigns/world-health-day UNISON website:

unison.org.uk

DFID and the privatisation of healthcare:

unison.org.uk/DFID

PSI Human Right to Health Campaign:

world-psi.org/public-health-all Medical Aid for Palestinians: map-uk.org

# 28 April

#### **International Workers' Memorial Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Liaise with branch H&S officer regarding joint activities with the employer, including safety inspections, a review of risk assessments, etc.
- Discuss workplace health and safety concerns with members, non-members, and the employer.
- Order and wear purple IWMD ribbons to raise awareness, and talk to people about H&S (in the workplace) and IWMD (where the purpose is not just to commemorate those who died at work but to revitalise our campaign for safe and healthy work for all).
- Show a film or hold an event/meeting/minute's silence to commemorate those who have died at work.
- Join locally/regionally organised events see the TUC, Hazards Magazine, or UNISON websites. If none, hold your own local event.
- Order and use the various IWMD materials available from UNISON and elsewhere.

#### **Resources:**

**UNISON H&S:** 

unison.org.uk/health-and-safety
UNISON branch guide to ethical

procurement (briefing):

https://www.unison.org.uk/content/upl

oads/2013/06/On-line-

Catalogue212793.pdf TUC Playfair Qatar:

playfairgatar.org.uk

TUC event page:

https://www.tuc.org.uk/events/national

/workers-memorial-day

Ethical Trading Initiative:

ethicaltrade.org

Hazards:

http://28april.org/

Labour Behind the Label:

labourbehindthelabel.org

Greater Manchester Hazards Centre: gmhazards.org.uk/

1 May May Day

# Suggested activities:

- Produce/circulate flyer on persecution of trade unionists around the world (e.g. Colombia, Turkey, Palestine, Swaziland, Philippines, Iran, and Guatemala).
- Take part in commemorations marking May Day in your workplace, town/city.
- Invite speaker to branch/commemoration.
- Publicise online campaigns/petitions in support of labour rights.

#### **Resources:**

UNISON International Facebook:

unison.org.uk/international

facebook.com/pages/UNISON-

International

**UNISON Twitter:** 

@UNISON global

TUC international

tuc.org.uk/international-issues

PSI global union:

world-psi.org

ICTUR:

ictur.ora

Labour Start:

labourstart.org

Labour Behind the Label:

labourbehindthelabel.org

Amnesty International UK:

www.amnesty.org.uk

15 May

70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nakba Day

Commemorates the expulsion and exile of Palestinians in 1948

# Suggested activities:

- Support PSC campaign actions.
- Promote the UNISON 'dangerous occupation' exhibition.
- Get involved in the 'is your pension fund investing in the occupation?'campaign.
- Get branch to affiliate to PSC.

#### Resources:

UNISON International Facebook:

unison.org.uk/international

facebook.com/pages/UNISON-

International

**UNISON Twitter:** 

@UNISON global

Palestine Solidarity Campaign

palestinecampaign.org

#### 17 May

# International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

# Suggested activities:

- Liaise with branch equality officer and LGBT officer to organise a joint activity to highlight homophobia, biphobia and transphobia around the world.
- Invite a speaker to branch meeting.
- Encourage your branch to support and affiliate to the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Association (ILGA).
- Distribute purple ribbons to raise awareness and engage colleagues.
- Promote online campaigns/petitions.

#### Resources:

Amnesty International UK:

amnesty.org.uk

ILGA:

http://ilga.org

**UNISON LGBT:** 

unison.org.uk/member-groups/lgbt

Labour Start:

labourstart.org

**UNISON LGBT International** 

factsheet: unison.org.uk/LGBT-

factsheet

# 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip

# Suggested activities:

- Affiliate to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)
- Take part in PSC actions and events against the occupation
- Invite a speaker to your branch

#### Resources:

Palestine Solidarity Campaign palestinecampaign.org

#### 12 June

# **World Day Against Child Labour**

# Suggested activities:

- Support the campaign to get the ILO to recognise child marriage amongst the worst forms of child labour
- Affiliate to organisations campaigning against child labour.
- Liaise with other unions in schools to link into campaigns calling for girls to have the right to education.
- Promote the ILO's Forced Labour Protocol calling for countries to ratify.

#### **Resources:**

AIDS Free World:

<u>childmarriageischildlabour.com/</u> Anti-Slavery International:

antislavery.org

Amnesty International UK:

amnesty.org.uk

**PSI** Education:

world-psi.org/en/issue/education-

media-and-culture-staff

ILO:

ilo.org/campaigns/wdacl

UN:

un.org/en/events/childlabourday

ILO Forced Labour Protocol info:

iloblog.org/forced-labour

50forfreedom website:

50forfreedom.org

#### 16 June

# **International Day of the African Child / Youth Day**

#### Suggested activities:

- Support the UNISON campaign against UK government support for low fee private schools.
- Hold an event to commemorate and inform others on the Soweto uprising in South Africa.
- Get your branch to affiliate to Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA)

#### **Resources:**

UNISON page on government support for low fee private schools.

unison.org.uk/ international-schools/ South African History website, with resources.

sahistory.org.za/topic/soweto-youthuprising

**ACTSA** website

actsa.org/

Anti-Apartheid exhibition

aamarchives.org

# Suggested activities:

- Write to your MP calling on the government to respond to the ongoing refugee crisis.
- Support organisations working with and campaigning for the rights of refugees.
- Publicise the issue of refugee rights in your branch.
- Get your branch to affiliate to Hope Not Hate.

#### **Resources:**

Refugee Action:

refugee-action.org.uk

Doctors of the World:

doctorsoftheworld.org.uk

The Refugee Council:

refugeecouncil.org.uk

City of Sanctuary:

cityofsanctuary.org

Women for Refugee Women:

refugeewomen.co.uk

Hope Not Hate:

hopenothate.org.uk

#### 23 June

# **International Public Service Day**

#### Suggested activities:

- Encourage members to sign petitions raising concerns about impact trade agreements will have on public services.
- Promote PSI campaigns calling for quality public services.
- Promote UNISON campaigns to stop the UK government using the aid budget to promote the privatisation of education, health and pother public services.

# Resources:

UNISON:

unison.org.uk

Public Services International (PSI):

world-psi.org/quality-public-services

PSI Ebola:

world-psi.org/en/issue/Ebola

Global Justice Now:

globaljustice.org.uk

War on Want:

waronwant.org

#### 5 July (7 July for march and demo)

# 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the NHS

#### Suggested activities:

- Request and circulate supporting statements from unions in other countries.
- Celebrate in your branch link to our work protecting the NHS.
- Represent your branch at the joint march and demonstration on 7 July.
- Celebrate the contribution of migrant workers to the NHS on its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# Resources:

UNISON:

unison.org.uk

Health Campaigns Together website:

healthcampaignstogether.com

# 11 July

#### **Srebrenica Memorial Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Coordinate fundraising activities with your branch using the official fundraising toolkit as a guide.
- Issue a statement from the branch commemorating the day
- Affiliate to HMDT
- Affiliate to Hope Not Hate

#### Resources:

Srebrenica memorial Day website:

srebrenica.org.uk/memorial-day

Fundraising toolkit:

srebrenica.org.uk /fundraising-toolkit

**Holocaust Memorial Day Trust:** 

hmd.org.uk

Hope Not Hate:

hopenothate.org.uk

18 July Mandela Day

#### Suggested activities:

- Link to ACTSA online campaigns/petitions.
- Get branch to affiliate to ACTSA.
- Invite speaker to branch meeting.
- Liaise with black members' officer on other actions

#### Resources:

Action for Southern Africa:

actsa.org

**UNISON** black members:

unison.org.uk//black-members

Nelson Mandela Day:

mandeladay.com/

# 30 July

# **UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**

#### Suggested activities:

- Raise awareness of and contribute to social media activity on the Twitter hashtag #IGiveHope
- Affiliate to Anti-Slavery International and/or Amnesty International to link into their campaigns.
- Support the campaign to get the ILO to recognise child marriage amongst the worst forms of child labour

#### Resources:

WDATP events details website:

un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/

WDATP resources:

un.org/en/events/resources

Amnesty International UK:

amnesty.org.uk

Anti-Slavery International:

antislavery.org

AIDS Free World:

childmarriageischildlabour.com/

#### 23 August

#### Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

#### Suggested activities:

- Liaise with black members' officer on possible actions in your branch.
- Publicise issue of modern day slavery especially in Qatar where FIFA World Cup taking place in 2022, and in UK where forced labour is on the rise.
- Get involved in the TUC Playfair Qatar campaign.
- Get your branch to affiliate to Amnesty International and Anti-Slavery International.
- Promote the petition calling for ratification of the ILO Forced Labour Protocol.

#### **Resources:**

UNISON black members page:

<u>unison.org.uk/member-groups/black-</u> members

TUC Playfair Qatar:

playfairgatar.org.uk

Amnesty International UK:

amnesty.org.uk

Anti Slavery International:

antislavery.org

ILO Forced Labour Protocol:

iloblog.org/ilo-protocol-on-forced-

labour

50forfreedom website:

50forfreedom.org

# 21 September

# **International Day of Peace**

# Suggested activities:

- Promote the peace campaign in Colombia.
- · Get branch to affiliate to JFC.
- Promote online campaigns/petitions from JFC.
- Get your branch to affiliate to AIUK.

#### Resources:

Amnesty International UK

amnesty.org.uk

Justice for Colombia

justiceforcolombia.org

Peace One Day <u>peaceoneday.org</u>
UN <u>un.org/events/peaceday</u>

23 September Bi Visibility Day

# Suggested activities:

• Liaise with equalities officers on linking international dimension to Bi Visibility Day.

#### Resources:

Bi Visibility Day website and events: bivisibilityday.com/year2016/
Bi Visibility Day Facebook page: facebook.com/bivisibility

UNISON bisexuality – a trade union issue: unison.org.uk/bisexuality-

<u>factsheet</u>

UNISON LGBT regional officers: unison.org.uk/lgbt/contacts/

#### October

# **Black History Month**

# Suggested activities:

- Organise a group photo with Black History Month posters and placards, available on the website.
- In schools, arrange a special assembly or similar event, and use the teacher's assembly notes from the website for assistance.
- Create a project board in schools using the downloadable worksheets and project packs that you can order from the website.
- Take photos from your activities and post them on social media under <u>#BlackHistoryMonth</u> throughout October.

#### Resources:

Black history month website:
blackhistorymonth.org.uk
UNISON black members:
unison.org.uk/about/ourorganisation/member-groups/blackmembers

Mary Seacole appeal:

maryseacoleappeal.org.uk
UNISON Black History Month flyer:
unison.org.uk/blackhisotrymonthflyer

#### 7 October

# **World Day for Decent Work**

# Suggested activities:

- Ask to meet with your employer about purchasing (procurement) policies to ensure there are no abuses in their supply chains. Use the UNISON guide on responsible buying in public services
- Promote Living Wage campaigns link national issue to international issue e.g. underemployment in UK and Philippines.
- Use flyers and online petitions to highlight the day.
- Invite speaker to branch meeting
- Publicise campaigns to abolish zero hour contracts at home and abroad.
- Tax justice fair taxation can create decent work – promote online petitions to highlight benefits of fair taxation policies.
- Promote the petition calling for ratification of the ILO Forced Labour Protocol.

# Resources:

ITUC campaign event page:

ituc-csi.org/world-day-for-decent-work
ILO Forced Labour Protocol:
iloblog.org/ilo-protocol-on-forced-labour
50forfreedom website:
50forfreedom.org
UNISON Living Wage campaign
unison.org.uk/a-living-wage/
Trade Justice Movement
tjm.org.uk
Global Justice Now
globaljustice.org.uk

#### 11 October

# **UN International Day of the Girl Child**

# Suggested activities:

- Raise awareness of and contribute to social media activity on the Twitter hashtag #DayOfTheGirl or on the Facebook page.
- Use the documents on the resources webpages to disseminate detailed information around the day.
- Support the campaign to get the ILO to recognise child marriage amongst the worst forms of child labour

#### **Resources:**

IDotGC website and resources: un.org/en/events/girlchild/
IDotGC Facebook page: facebook.com/DayOfTheGirl
AIDS Free World: childmarriageischildlabour.com/

# Week beginning 13 October

#### **Hate Crime Awareness Week**

# Suggested activities:

- Register to attend the Act of Hope and Remembrance taking place at St Paul's Cathedral.
- Order the #NHCAW resources (t-shirts, placards, posters, badges, mugs, etc.), take a group photo in your workplace and share it on social media using the official tags.
- Use your own photos, videos, events, or messages of support to particupate in one of the the #NHCAW social media 'thunderclaps'.

#### Resources:

#NHCAW resources website (limited packs available)
nationalhcaw.uk/resources
#NHCAW events sharing webpage
nationalhcaw.uk/planning-your-event
#NHCAW social meda campaigns
page and thunderclap info
nationalhcaw.uk/social-media

#### Week beginning 22 October

#### **European Safety and Health at Work Week**

# Suggested activities:

- Liaise with branch H&S officer regarding joint activities with the employer, including safety inspections, a review of risk assessments, etc.
- Conduct workplace safety rep inspections on the Wednesday of the Week, national inspection day (UK).
- Discuss workplace health and safety concerns with members, non-members, and the employer.
- Order or download materials from UNISON.

#### Resources:

Ethical Trading Initiative:

ethicaltrade.org

Hazards:

http://28april.org/

UNISON ethical procurement briefing: <a href="https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-">https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2013/06/On-line-</a>

Catalogue212793.pdf

Labour Behind the Label

#### 20 November

# Suggested activities:

- Liaise with equalities officers on linking international dimension to Transgender Day of Remembrance.
- Promote e-actions to memorialise those have been killed due to anti-transgender prejudice.

#### **Transgender Day of Remembrance**

#### **Resources:**

TDoR website:

tdor.info/about-2/

TDoR Facebook page:

facebook.com/Black-OUT-

Transgender-Day-of-Remembrance

UNISON LGBT regional officers:

unison.org.uk/lgbt/contacts/

Trsnagender Europe website

tgeu.org/trans-day-of-remembrance

# International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

# Suggested activities:

- Issue branch statement on EVAW and our commitment to challenge and lobby for action at home and abroad.
- Encourage members to wear white ribbons to raise awareness.
- Distribute leaflets about the issues.
- Promote online campaigns/petitions.
- Speak to non-members about UNISON's work to EVAW.
- Get branch to affiliate to solidarity organisations working to EVAWPromote the ILO's Forced Labour Protocol calling for its ratification.
- Promote Burma Campaign's campaign to stop VAW and rape as a weapon of war.

#### Resources:

Action for Southern Africa:

actsa.org

Amnesty International UK:

amnesty.org.uk

**ILO Forced Labour Protocol:** 

iloblog.org/ilo-protocol-on-forced-

labour

50forfreedom website:

50forfreedom.org

PSI women:

world-psi.org/en/topic/women

PSI EVAW:

world-psi.org/en/issue/vaw

UNISON:

unison.org.uk/about/our-

organisation/member-groups/women

UN event website:

un.org/en/events/endviolenceday

#### 29 November

# **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

#### Suggested activities:

- Promote the UNISON 'Dangerous occupation exhibition.
- Advertise the annual lobby of parliament
- Have a petition or letter writing campaign/stall focusing on local MPs.
- Lobby MPs' constituency offices
- Promote Zaytoun Palestinian produce in your branch.
- Get involved in the UNISON/PSC pension campaign.
- Use activities to encourage non members to join UNISON.

#### Resources:

UNISON international Facebook page:

unison.org.uk/international

facebook.com/pages/UNISON-

<u>International</u>

**UNISON** International Twitter:

Twitter@UNISON\_global

Palestine Solidarity Campaign:

palestinecampaign.org

UN event page:

un.org/en/events/palestinianday

Zaytoun zaytoun.org

#### December

# **Disability History Month**

#### 1 December

# **World AIDS Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Leaflet workplace to raise awareness
- Inviting speaker to branch.
- Promote wearing of red ribbon (order from World AIDS Day website).
- Issue branch statement in consultation with branch sec, H&S officer and publicity officer.
- Link UNISON's work on HIV/AIDS to international policy.

# Resources:

Stop AIDS Campaign:

stopaids.org.uk

World AIDS Day:

worldaidsday.org

#### 3 December

# International Day of Persons with Disabilities (part of Disability History Month)

# Suggested activities

- Liaise with equalities officers on linking international dimension to Disability History Month
- Promote e-actions against discrimination against disabled people worldwide.

#### **Resources:**

UNISON Disabled Members:
unison.org.uk/disabled-members
UNISON LGBT regional officers:
unison.org.uk/disabledmembers/contacts
Disability History Month:
ukdhm.org

#### 10 December

# **Human Rights Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Link with, for example, local Amnesty International groups to set up a stall in the workplace featuring urgent actions in one of UNISON's priority areas/countries.
- Highlight UNISON's work supporting human rights defenders.
- Get your branch to affiliate to solidarity organisation working to promote human rights.
- Promote an e-action calling for an end to human and labour rights violations (check resources for current actions)
- Wear an orange ribbon.
- Get involved in UNISON's 'route of shame' to shed light on human rights abuses.

#### **Resources:**

Amnesty International:

amnesty.org.uk

Burma Campaign UK:

burmacampaign.org.uk

Campaign for Human Rights in the Philippines:

chrp.org.uk

Committee for the Defence of Iranians rights CODIR:

codir.net

Justice for Colombia:

justiceforcolombia.org

Palestine Solidarity Campaign:

palestinecampaign.org

Western Sahara Campaign:

wsahara.org.uk

Labour Start:

labourstart.org

#### 18 December

#### **International Migrants Day**

# Suggested activities:

- Hold a lunchtime activity to celebrate the contribution migrant workers play in the workplace and use it as recruitment/organising event. Include activities linked to Our Day campaign photo ops, speakers at lunchtime meetings, etc.
- Get the branch to become a friend of Hope Not Hate.

#### Resources:

Migrants Rights Network:

our-day.org or migrantsrights.org.uk

UN:

un.org/en/events/migrantsday

Hope Not Hate:

hopenothate.org.uk

Public Services International world-psi.org/en

UNISON supports the following organisations and encourages branches and regions to support, and affiliate where there is an affiliation option

# **Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA)**

actsa.org

# **Amnesty International UK (AIUK)**

amnesty.org.uk

# **Anti-Slavery International**

antislavery.org

#### **Banana Link**

bananalink.org.uk

# **Burma Campaign UK (BCUK)**

burmacampaign.org.uk

# Campaign for Human Rights in the Philippines (CHRP)

chrp.org.uk

# Committee for Defence of the Iranian Peoples' Rights (CODIR)

codir.net

# **Cuba Solidarity Campaign (CSC)**

cuba-solidarity.org.uk

#### **Global Justice Now**

globaljustice.org.uk

# **International Brigade Memorial trust**

international-brigades.org.uk

# International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Association (ILGA)

ilga.org

# **Jubilee Debt Campaign**

jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

#### **Justice for Colombia (JFC)**

justiceforcolombia.org

#### **Labour behind the Label**

labourbehindthelabel.org

# **Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign Action Group (NSCAG)**

nicaraguasc.org.uk

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palestinecampaign.org

# **Stop AIDS**

stopaids.org.uk

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tamilsolidarity.org

# **Trade Justice Movement (TJM)**

tjm.org.uk

# Venezuela Solidarity Campaign (VSC)

venezuelasolidarity.co.uk

#### War on Want (WoW)

waronwant.org

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wsahara.org.uk