**UNISON Nelson Mandela Award 2022**

UNISON’s 2015 Black Members’ Conference resolved to establish a Nelson Mandela award that embodies his attributes and becomes an annual feature of the conference.

Nelson Mandela, South Africa’s first Black president saw in democracy after decades of apartheid rule which for Black people meant living with years of racial segregation and systemic oppression. His vision was for a truly united South Africa and he became a powerful global figure of resistance.

Our union is proud to have made Mandela an honorary president of UNISON and to have stood by him and others in the movement on their historic struggle for equality, justice and in ending apartheid.

Amongst our Black membership we recognise that there is an abundance of talent and that there are many people who tirelessly contribute to the fight for racial equality.

The award will be presented to someone who has supported and ‘gone above and beyond’ to represent Black members, celebrating their achievements, their courage and determination within the union and more widely in our society.

The award winner will be invited to attend the next Black members’ conference as a guest of the National Committee where they will be presented with the award.

**Submitting a qualifying nomination:**

* The nominating body should complete the attached nomination form
* Nominations should be supported by branches or regional Black members’ committees
* Completed forms with all the relevant signatures should be sent by email to **Blackmembers@unison.co.uk by 5pm Wednesday 25th August 2021.**

**Dates:**

* Signed nomination forms submission deadline – 5pm Wednesday 25th August 2021.
* Award winner contacted and announced – Friday 24th September 2021.
* Award presented at National Black Members’ Conference, Liverpool, 21st – 23rd January 2022.

**MANDELA AWARD NOMINATION SUBMISSION FORM**

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| Nominee Name: |  | Membership Number (if applicable): |  |
| Nominee signature: |  | Date: |  |
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| Nominating Body: |  | Committee Chair: |  |
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In responding to the questions below please **avoid** including the name of the nominee

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| Please use the box below to describe why you believe the nominee should be presented with UNISON’s Nelson Mandela Award. (Maximum 1 page) |
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| Please give examples of how the nominee has supported UNISON Black members and/or the wider Black community (Maximum 1 page) |
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