



Awareness Information for Members.

What is a GMB Shop Steward?

GMB have several hundreds of members who support the union by being a Shop Steward.

A GMB Shop Steward is one of the most important officials in any union.

A GMB Shop Steward is a member who is elected by the members of his or her workforce. After being elected they work on behalf of the union to directly represent their members in the workforce and to provide an essential link between the members and the union.

A GMB Shop Steward is the first person that a member will go to in order to talk about problems at work.

What does a GMB Shop Steward do?

A GMB Shop Steward;

- Listens to member's problems and opinions.
- Helps GMB members to solve their problems and gives members guidance and direction.
- Raises issues with management.
- Tells GMB what is happening in their workplace.
- Contacts GMB full time official for their support and involvement when it is needed.
- Talks to GMB members about workplace issues.
- Talks to employees about joining GMB.
- Learns how they can be as effective as possible.
- Discourages division, when sorting out differences of opinion between workers.

GMB Shop Stewards may also become involved in union activities outside of their workplace if they want to.

Are you interested in becoming a GMB Shop Steward, or do you want to know more about how GMB works?

Then talk to your GMB Workplace Organiser, Branch Secretary or Regional Organiser. You can also visit GMB's web site www.gmb.org.uk



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