



Awareness Information for Members.

### **What is a GMB Workplace Contact?**

A GMB Workplace Contact is a person who is provided with information from GMB. The information that the Workplace Contact accepts is of direct interest to the members they work with, for example, changes within schools and what rights school based employees have.

### **What does a GMB Workplace Contact do?**

A GMB Workplace Contact distributes the information to his or her fellow GMB members in their workplace.

GMB Workplace Contact's sometimes act as a spokesperson on behalf of the members by contacting a Regional Organiser for assistance.

Sometimes GMB Workplace Contact's attend GMB events to gain a greater understanding of the union's negotiating agenda.

GMB Workplace Contacts play an important role in helping groups of GMB members to organise effectively.

GMB would always prefer a Workplace Contact to eventually be elected to the post of GMB Shop Steward because a GMB Shop Steward is protected in law against discrimination and has a legal entitlement to take paid time off work to receive training and to carry out their duties. GMB Workplace Contacts have no such rights or protection.

Are you interested in becoming a GMB Workplace Contact, 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](http://www.gmb.org.uk)



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