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#PAYPINCH Campaign: Update

The average public sector worker has had £9,000 pinched from them since 2010, and the Government is set to take £4,000 more in the next 3 years.

But polling shows 75% of the public would support a real pay rise for public sector workers this year.

***** Please join us in Westminster as we support the Trades Union Congress (TUC) rally and lobby of Parliament on Tuesday 17 October 2017. *****

GMB is mobilising members across Public Services to join together at Parliament Square calling for an end to the public sector pay pinch.

To get involved or find out more details about the lobby please contact branch office.



Mary Turner GMB President – Sad News

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we advise that our National President Mary Turner passed away recently following a short illness.


Mary had been a Trade Union activist for over 60 years and had held the position of National President for over 20 years.



From feeding 600 young marchers during the people's March for Jobs in the 1980s, to fighting the National Front and leading, recruiting and supporting thousands of low paid workers, Mary led our movement and will be sorely missed.

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Join online at www.gmb.org.uk/join



Retiring from work?

Even if you have reached retirement age you don't have to leave GMB. Apply to join GMB's Retired Members Association.

Update your details

Moved home? Got Married? Changed your Job? If your details have changed let us know so you don't miss out on important information.



www.gmbshout.net

GMB is committed to protecting, promoting and furthering employment rights and full equality for any worker who identifies themselves as a lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or trans (LGBT+) person.

If you wish to discuss any issues or concerns, in confidence, please contact branch office.

WE WANT YOU



We are always looking for new representatives to be the voice of the GMB in the workplace.

Contact us on 0121 569 5990 for an informal chat about the role.

Branch Open Door - Drop In

28th September 2017,
12pm – 3.00pm
Sandwell Council House, Ground Floor
Room G5

Pop in for a chat, find out about current GMB campaigns, events and find out about **FREE** membership benefits



GMB Regional Sisters Group

Want to get involved with GMB BOSS?

Come and find out about current campaigns & meet like-minded activists

Our regional women's group (BOSS) invite you to join them on Monday 4th September from 6pm at regional office, Will Thorne House, 2 Birmingham Road, Halesowen B63 3HP as they meet to plan campaigns and events for the next 12 months.

The group is open to all GMB members who identify as female

Wages not based on Ages



People under 25 don't get a discount on their rent, their shopping or their bus fares.

In fact, they often have to pay higher rents due to cuts on housing benefit for young people as well as extortionate motor insurance prices

So why should they be paid less? Contact Sam Fagan Young Members officer to join GMB's campaign to end pay discrimination based on age #WagesNotBasedOnAges

Health & Safety Matters



If you have any concerns or issues regarding Health & Safety in your workplace please contact Annette Greenwood, Branch Health & Safety Officer on 0121 569 5990

GMB Safety Representatives have the legal right to investigate any complaints members may have about potential hazards, accidents, occupational diseases or dangerous occurrences

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