



May 2018

FREE Courses for **GMB MEMBERS**



- Team Leading
- Information Advice or Guidance
- Business & Administration IT User Skills (ITQ)
- Organisation Management Techniques
- Equality & Diversity
- Working with people with Mental Health Needs
- Caring for Children & Young People
- Counselling Skills
- Working with individuals with Learning Disabilities
- Understanding Autism
- Nutrition & Health
- Awareness of Mental Health Problems

For More Information Please Contact the GMB Birmingham and West Midlands Education Department:

GMB AGM **13th July 2018**

We held our AGM at Sandwell Council House on Friday 13th July 2018.

The meeting was well attended, giving updates on current campaigns and events.

Our summer prize giveaway was drawn and elections of officers took place.

Full details are available by visiting our website, but along with Darren James, who was re-elected Branch Secretary last year, the following were elected on a 4 year term (These posts carry no facility time)

Ian Cooper – Branch President
Annette Greenwood – Health & Safety Officer
Donna Spencer – Young Members Officer
Sarah James – Equality Officer
Ranjit Soomal – Race Officer

All Branch officials can be contacted at branch office via telephone or email.

GMB Demand protection against violence at work

GMB believes that the risk of violence in schools is like any other health and safety risk – it can be identified, controlled and managed.

We are demanding a zero tolerance approach to violence in schools and colleges, and are calling upon schools to sign up to a code of conduct to ensure that incidents are recorded consistently and all incidents are treated equally seriously, whoever is involved.

After speaking with Sandwell Council, we are pleased that Councillors support our call and have contacted all schools and academies in Sandwell prior to the end of term, encouraging them to sign up to these demands.



FEELING THE HEAT: YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK IN HOT WEATHER

Key action points:

GMB Safety Representatives should ensure that they:

- monitor the air temperature and keep a daily record- by law your employer must supply thermometers in every part of the workplace;
- take complaints to the employer – GMB Safety Representatives have the legal right to take up complaints on behalf of members; and
- report any ill health effects in the accident book which can be used to record any 'personal injury' at work, including ill health effects from hot temperatures.



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EVENTS AND INFORMATION

EQUALITY MATTERS

GMB is committed to protecting, promoting and furthering employment rights and full equality for all members.

If you would like to get involved or find out more information about our regional Self Organised BAME, LGBTQ+ or award-winning women's groups please contact Sarah James, Branch Equality Officer and Regional Equality Forum chairperson.

You can also keep up to date with latest national equality news via Twitter Account **@GMBEqualities** & our **GMB National Equality group** on Facebook



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 Meeting

The next Branch Meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th September from 12:30pm. For more details or to confirm your place please call branch office on 0121 569 5990

Calling all members

Want to find out more about YOUR Union?
Come along to our activist get together on Wednesday 22nd August 2018, at GMB regional office. 6pm onwards

ALL ACTIVIST MEETING

SELF ORGANISED GROUPS

Come along, find out more about **YOUR UNION**

6PM ONWARDS
WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2018
WILL THORNE HOUSE, 2 BIRMINGHAM ROAD,
HALESOWEN B63 3HP

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 0121 550 4888

GMB Regional Equality Conference

This year's Regional Equality Conference will be taking place on Saturday 17th November at GMB regional office.

If you would like to get involved or submit a motion please contact branch office.

GMB Branch Officers

Branch President

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