

UNISON RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

Stay **involved** in your union

Become a retired member

UNISON – *your friend at work, your friend for life*

WHY DOES UNISON HAVE RETIRED MEMBERS?

Before you retired, UNISON provided the best representation and support at work when you needed it and a wide range of other services. Now that you are retired we believe that you deserve to continue to go on benefiting from union membership and be able to play an active role in the union.

A trade union should reflect the society in which it operates and there are over 10 million older people living in the UK.

HAVE A VOICE

As part of the biggest union in the country, you can contribute towards our influential voice on a huge range of issues that affect you such as pensions, the health service and age discrimination. Ensure that your voice is heard for your sake and the sake of future generations!

TAKE PART IN UNISON'S DEMOCRACY

You can participate in the democratic structures of the union. UNISON is unique in the trade union movement in having a Retired Members' Organisation, whose structure mirrors that of working members. This means that you can play a role in UNISON's democratic machinery at all levels.

Retired members can attend branch meetings and have representation on the branch committee and regional council. They also send representatives to the National Delegate Conference. A National Retired Members' Committee meets regularly and is able to feed its views to the NEC and the rest of UNISON. In addition, a Retired Members' Conference is held annually, where retired members can debate the issues of importance to them and submit two motions for the agenda of National Delegate Conference. In this way you can influence union policy from branch to national level.

LINKS

You can maintain the link between the employed and retired, thus promoting solidarity between the generations. Retired and working members have a shared interest in the provision of decent incomes in older age, a universal health service and the creation of a civilised society.

Today's workers are tomorrow's pensioners and UNISON's members work in public services on which older people are heavily reliant.

There are also links with other pensioner organisations at home and abroad through which you can campaign.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

You will be able to keep in touch with former working colleagues through the branch and the regular "U" Magazine will tell you the latest news and developments in the wider union. In addition there is a quarterly retired members' newsletter 'Interactive'.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND BENEFITS

You will be entitled to a wide range of benefits through UNISON PLUS which provides special offers and discounts for UNISON members on insurance, mortgages, motoring, holidays and travel, financial services and much more. Plus UNISON Welfare, our own registered charity providing support exclusively for UNISON members and dependents at times of special need. They also run a free and confidential debt advice referral scheme, in partnership with Payplan.

HOW RETIRED MEMBERS CAN HELP WORKING MEMBERS

UNISON recognises that retired members are an important organising asset. They continue to share members' interests in protecting our public services and have a wealth of personal experience to contribute. Where branches are short of person power, retired members may have time, experience and help to give.

Where branches identify a need for assistance from retired members, a protocol exists to facilitate this.

WHO CAN BECOME A RETIRED MEMBER?

You can if you been a UNISON member continuously for at least two years on the day you retire from employment (in an area of work in which UNISON organises) and are receiving a pension and are not in other paid employment.

Become a UNISON Retired Member – continue to be involved in your union.

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS USING BLACK INK AND SEND IT TO YOUR BRANCH OR REGIONAL OFFICE.

1. YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Please tick or fill in the boxes below

Mrs

Ms

Miss

Mr

Other

First name

Other initial(s)

Surname/Family name

Date of birth

/ /

Home Address

Postcode

UNISON membership number

Please tick this box if you require materials in a different format (eg large print or Braille) – be sure to supply contact details below

Please give a telephone number/voice/text/email address for UNISON to contact you

How would you describe your ethnic origin?

Please tick one box

Bangladeshi

Asian Other

Black UK

Chinese

Black African

Black Other

Indian

Black Caribbean

White UK

Pakistani

Irish

White Other

Asian UK

2. BRANCH DETAILS

Previous Branch

Branch you wish to join

3. YOUR AUTHORISATION

- I wish to become a retired member of UNISON and accept its rules and constitution.
- I confirm that I am eligible for retired membership in accordance with Rule C2.6.1

Now please sign and date below

Signature

Date

I have enclosed my subscription of £15 made payable to the branch named in section 2 above.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information on UNISON and the Retired Members' Organisation or help with this form call

UNISON 0845 355 0845

Mon – Fri 6am – midnight and Saturday 9am – 4pm

Textphone 0800 0 967 968

HOW DO I BECOME A RETIRED MEMBER?

Complete the application form attached to this booklet and send to either your branch or regional office (see below) together with your subscription fee of £15. To contact your regional office by phone call 0845 355 0845.

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