

WHY RETIRED MEMBERSHIP?

WHY DOES UNISON HAVE RETIRED MEMBERS?

UNISON provided you with representation and support at work when you needed it, along with offering a range of other services. UNISON believes that you deserve to continue benefiting from membership when you retire and still be able to play an active role in the union. There are over 10 million older people living in the UK and trade unions should reflect this.

HAVE A VOICE

As part of one of the biggest unions in the country you can contribute to UNISON's influential voice on issues that affect you including pensions, the NHS and age discrimination. Ensure that your voice is heard for your sake and that of future generations.

TAKE PART IN UNION DEMOCRACY

You can take part in the democratic structures of the union. UNISON is one of the few unions which has a Retired Members Organisation, whose structure mirrors that of working members. This means that you can play a role in UNISON's democratic procedures at all levels.

Retired members can :

- **Attend some branch meetings**
- **Have representation on branch committees and the Unison Regional Council**
- **Be represented at National Delegate Conference**

The National retired Members Committee meets regularly and is able to feed it's views the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the rest of Unison. In addition a Retired Members Conference happens annually, where members can debate issues important 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 links between the working and retired members, thus promoting solidarity between generations. Retired and working members have a shared interest in the provision of decent incomes in older age. Regular meetings discussing issues such as 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

Most participants in retired members sections enjoy the following:

- **Regular meetings either with guest speakers or visits to local attractions selected by members**
- **Meet like minded people on a monthly basis**
- **Annual outing**
- **Festive season social**
- **Local and national newsletters**
- **Keeping in touch with former work colleagues through the branch**
- **Involvement in UNISON activities (large numbers of retired members joined working colleagues on recent anti-cuts, pensions, pro Palestine and climate emergency campaigns.**

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND BENEFITS

UNISON retired members continue to enjoy the benefits available to working colleagues from UNISON, or private sector partners including:

- **Discounted access to UNISON Croyde Bay holiday resort**

- **Access to UNISON 'There for you' welfare**
- **Competitive pricing for energy**
- **Discounts at Vision Express**
- **Discounts on cars**
- **Breakdown cover**
- **UNISON Rewards (offers and discounts from retailers)**
- **Financial advice services**
- **Competitive prices on savings, loans and insurance**
- **Travel**

BECOME A UNISON RETIRED MEMBER! CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN YOUR UNION!

In most cases, if you contact your Branch they can transfer you to retired status when you notify them of your retirement date and, if applicable, the branch can collect/pay the £15 life membership fee.

Alternatively, 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 next to the appropriate title below:

Mrs: ☐ Ms: ☐ Miss: ☐ Mr: ☐ Other: ☐

First Name: _____ Initials: _____

Surname/Family name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Postcode: _____

UNISON membership number: _____

Please tick here if you require materials in a different format (eg. Large print or Braille) – please 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 below

Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black UK	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	White UK	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian UK	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2. YOUR BRANCH DETAILS

Previous Branch: _____

Branch you wish to join: _____

3. YOUR AUTHORISATION

I wish to become a retired member of UNISON and accept it's rules and constitution.

I confirm that I am eligible for retired membership in accordance with Rule C2.6.1.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

UNISON DIRECT 0800 0 857 857

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

TEXTPHONE: 0800 0967 968

or contact your Branch

Branch Name: _____

Branch Telephone Number: _____

HOW RETIRED MEMBERS CAN HELP WORKING MEMBERS

UNISON recognises that retired members are an important organising asset. They continue to share member's 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.

WHO CAN BECOME A RETIRED MEMBER

(Rule C2.6.1)

You can if you have been a UNISON member continuously for at least two years on the date you retire from being a working member of UNISON and have not taken up other paid employment.



ARE YOU RETIRING SOON?

why not

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in

UNISON
Scotland

