

# GMB@WORK

## WORKPLACE NEWS

**B10 Barking & Dagenham – August 2014**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> strike, GMB B10 branch out in force!**

It was great to see so many GMB B10 branch members on the picket lines across the borough. Joined by members of Unite, Unison and the FBU, the message was very clear, we are fed up being treated unfairly and the 1% pay offer just adds insult to injury.



Following this strike, the local government employers have refused to reconsider their offer or even to engage in talks with the Unions. Their behaviour is totally disrespectful. We are not prepared to let matters lie so the trade unions have considered the next steps and we have agreed –

1. To redouble our efforts to open negotiations with the employers.
2. To pressurise Councillors and MPs.
3. To seek to engage ACAS in the dispute.
4. To win the support of Labour and local government Labour.
5. To hold a day of protest in August.
6. To hold a further strike during w/c 13 October in conjunction with health and other unions

Brian Strutton, GMB National Secretary, said "GMB members have spoken loud and clear. They want a decent pay rise!

**BRANCH MEETING**  
**2014**  
**ALL MEMBERS**  
**WELCOME!!**

The following are the dates for GMB B10 branch meeting in 2014

30 September 2014  
28 October 2014  
25 November 2014

All branch meetings start at 12:30pm at the Frizlands Learning Centre.

This is your chance to discuss work related issues and find out what's happening within your branch.

***Please note. There are no branch meetings in August and December***



Join online at [www.gmb.org.uk/join](http://www.gmb.org.uk/join)

## FRIZLANDS LEARNING CENTRE

Would you like to improve your Maths & English, learn basic IT skills or even take up Photography?

Frizlands Learning Centre are currently offering these courses and many more!

These courses are free to **all** LBBB employees and run throughout the year. If you would like to apply for a course or discuss other upcoming learning opportunities please contact the Frizlands Learning Centre on 020 8227 2679.



## JOHN COPE TRUST

Congratulations to Brendan Furey, B10 member and Shop Steward. Brendan recently applied to the John Cope Trust to help fund a Pest Control course. After attending an interview with the Trust Panel, Brendan's application was passed and he has already started his course.

For further information on how you can apply to the John Cope Trust please contact Suzanne Louka in the Education Department on 020 8202 8272 or contact your Shop Steward.

## GMB LAUNCHES UNIONLINE

At the GMB Annual Conference in June, GMB launched the new legal service UNIONLINE.

You can call them about any employment law or personal injury law problem and they will provide legal advice if you are a GMB member.

UNIONLINE's employment law service provides complete advice and representation to GMB members at no cost – if you are worried about anything at work, then call them. Their accident and injury service is also free of charge\* to GMB members and their families. Don't call a number you have seen on the TV or in an advert, call UNIONLINE.



UNIONLINE can offer something no other service can give you – 100 per cent of your damages with no deductions for GMB members and their families. No other service can offer you that. All of your compensation goes to you as a GMB member. Worried about debt, or a bad landlord? Call UNIONLINE.

Whatever problems you have UNIONLINE will try and help you, providing quality local legal advice. So put 0300 333 0303 in your phone and remember, GMB is your union and this is your union law firm. It is not out to make a fast buck, its job is to provide the best legal service in the country to GMB members.

Put 0300 333 0303 in your phone now and visit [www.unionline.co.uk](http://www.unionline.co.uk) to see a full list of all the legal services available to you.

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YOUR TRADE UNION LAW FIRM

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## YOUR BRANCH

### BECOME A GMB WORKPLACE ORGANISER

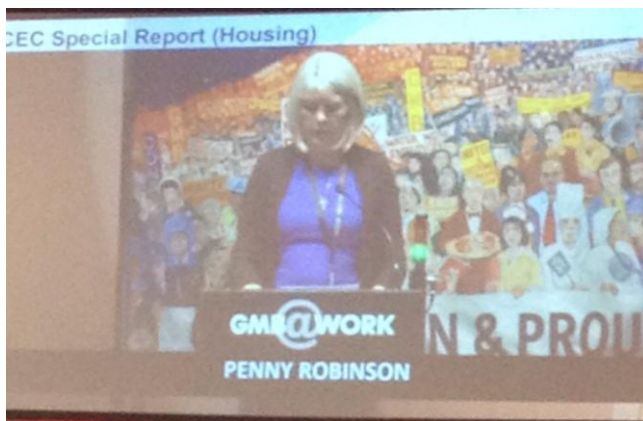
The branch is always on the lookout for new Shop Stewards, Health & Safety Reps and GMB Learning Reps. The GMB recognise that the strength of the union is in its members and that Workplace Organisers are integral to this.

To GMB members the Workplace Organiser is 'the union'. Sometimes Workplace Organisers are called 'Shop Stewards' or 'Union Reps'. Each organiser is the first point of contact for GMB members and potential members and vital to the union's work. Members all have one thing in common: they look to the union for support in case of a problem at work.

Our Workplace Organisers are volunteers but usually receive paid time off from their employment to undertake their training and the duties associated with their role. If you are interested in becoming a Workplace Organiser please contact your Branch Secretary for further information.

### WELL DONE PENNY!

Thank you to everyone from our branch who voted for our Branch Secretary, Penny Robinson to be elected on to the Central Executive Committee. In May, Penny was elected as the London Region representative with 1,728 votes. She has already contributed at the committee meetings and presented a report on housing at GMB Congress, the annual GMB conference in June.



### RETIRING FROM WORK?

Even if you have reached retirement age you don't have to leave GMB. Apply to pay the one-off £40 life membership rate and join GMB's Retired Members Association.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Have you recently changed or are about to change your address, name or any other details? If so it's important to notify your branch of these changes to ensure that you continue to receive vital correspondence & documents from the GMB.

Please contact your Shop Steward or alternatively you can register with the GMB online to change your contact details at <http://www.gmb.org.uk/>



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