

GMB NEWSLETTER.

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Since our campaign to transfer our members from 'check off' to direct debit began at the start of this year we have now reached the half-way point. Whilst all but a very few transfers have gone through without delay so far, there are still a few members whose transfer has not taken place yet or they have had minor issues.

For enquiries related to membership please contact our membership department on 02082028272

Could you be a GMB workplace Representative?.

There are many reasons why people chose to become a workplace representative, for most of our reps. it's because they enjoy helping others with their issues or problems and improving peoples working environments and conditions.

If you are interested in becoming a workplace representative or would like more information give us a call.

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GMB Congress 2016.

Our 99th annual congress held in Bournemouth has just come to a close. Every year delegates from all our regional branches bring to congress their motions to be read and voted on. Motions that are carried form the direction and instruction that the union follows for the future.

For more information on congress 2016 and to view our webcasts visit

www.gmb.public-i.tv

An advertisement for car insurance. On the left, a green hatchback car is shown on a green and blue background. To the right, there is a green box with the text 'Car Insurance' and 'Exclusive discount for GMB members'. Below this, there is a green heart icon, the LVE logo (LIVERPOOL VICTORIA), and the GMB logo (GMB WORKERS).

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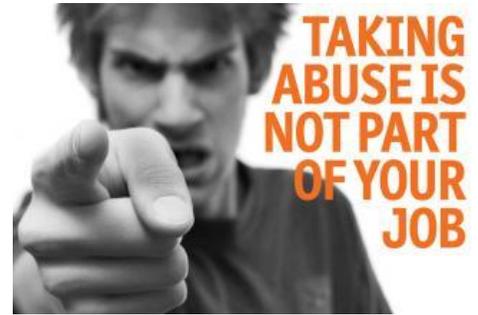
Pay deal finally agreed for local Government & Schools.

Agreement has now been reached between the Trade Union Side and the Employers on the two-year 2016-18 pay offer.

All councils, schools and academies that follow the NJC for pay will be notified of this agreement so that they can make arrangements to pay the new salary increases and back pay as soon as possible.

The Joint Reviews of term-time working in schools, and the national pay spine, will begin shortly.

Many thanks to all GMB members for your patience and support.



Local Government Pension Scheme

What happens to my pension if I'm made redundant?

Did you know that if you are made redundant and are over the age of 55 you can take your pension without any reduction to it? For example Jess is 56 and has built up a pension of £5,000 a year, she has a Normal Pension Age of 66. If Jess is made redundant she will be able to claim the full £5,000 per year pension.

If Jess had decided to take early retirement at 56 then her pension would have been reduced for taking it 10 years early by 40% to £3,000 a year.

This is a hard fought for benefit of your pension scheme. The Government is thinking about taking this entitlement away.

GMB will be making a strong case that this benefit was part of the 2014 agreement on changes to the LGPS which GMB and the other Unions made with the government. It is a benefit GMB members hold dear.

If you are under 55 and made redundant, your pension grows with inflation until you are old enough to take it.

Over 610,000 working people in the UK have decided to join GMB. 40,000 of them in the last three years alone. GMB is Britain's quickest growing trade union.

GMB is a campaigning trade union. Its job is to get the best deal for GMB members at work and is committed to building a strong organization in every GMB workplace and so help make every workplace safer. Whoever you are, wherever you work: joining GMB is the right decision.



Thinking of joining us?

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