



## **We would like to welcome our new Branch Officers:**



**Kam Sandhu**  
Membership /  
Recruitment Officer



**Shameera Issaak**  
**Dharmendra Kara**  
Equalities Officer



## **Branch appeal for Gaza and Israel**

“We are encouraging all our branches to support the critical work of Medical Aid for Palestine and the Red Cross” said UNISON general secretary Christina McAnea as the union launched an appeal. This followed her announcement of UNISON’s national policy:

“UNISON condemns the brutal and heinous attack by Hamas against innocent civilians in Israel, and the indiscriminate bombing and collective punishment of the people of Gaza. We are calling for a ceasefire, the immediate and safe release of hostages and for an end to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.”

**The Branch Executive Committee have since agreed a donation of £400 to Medical Aid for Palestine and £100 to the Red Cross.**

## Report from Unison's Energy Branch Seminar in Leeds by Mukesh Patel

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

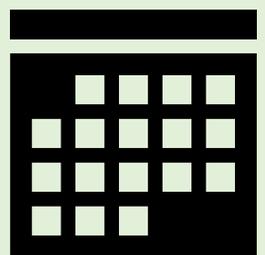
- 9.30am Guest Speaker – Dan Meredith External Public Affairs Director from EON (Energy system & Energy Forecast)
  - 11.30am Speaker – Josephine Grahl National officer for young members (Work life balance/Mental Health impact/Workloads/Hybrid working and the right to be able to disconnect)
  - 11.45am Hilda Parmer – Families against corporate killers (FACK) insight into cases and instances where workers have lost their lives in the work place due to corporate negligence. Very insightful and shocking in some circumstances.
- 2pm Unison & Labour Link – Julian Cooke (Detailed insight into the forming of the Union and link with the Labour Party)
- 3.15pm Conference Skills Workshop – Writing and submitting Motions Jim Lewis Union Learning Coordinator (Great session and guidance in writing a clear concise and understanding motion)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

- 9.30am Decarbonisation of the Economy and need for managed workforce transition – Juliet Philips – Clean Energy Senior Policy Advisor. Great insight into the importance of being more energy efficient and changing the way we perceive energy
- Open discussion on the Seminar and feedback closed at 1130pm

## 2024 upcoming events:

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** – Lead Representative re-election closes



**20<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – Annual General Meeting at 12:30 pm at Spinneyside (Hybrid) and 16:30 pm (Teams only). More information to be circulated.

**Unison's National Black Members Conference** – To be attended by Devan Anand

**Unison's National Women's Conference** – To be attended by Shameera Issak