

UNISON Community and Voluntary Organisations Branch Equalities Forum Update

"Equality is an issue **everyone** faces in the workplace"

The next Equalities Steering Group is on
Thursday 26th October 2017
at 6pm—8pm.

If you would like to attend please contact
the Branch equalities@unisoncvob.org.uk

Equalities Steering Group

The UNISON Community and Voluntary Organisations Branch are in the process of establishing an Equalities Forum.

The steering group has had a number of meetings and we are working towards a Launch event in February 2018 where we hope to have speakers involved in Equality within UNISON and a number of workshops where you can learn more about organising around Equalities issues.

We have delayed the launch event as over the next few months UNISON conferences for Disabled Members, LGBT members, Black Members and Women Members are taking place. Once these conferences are over the Branch Delegates will be able to feedback some of the highlights at the Forum launch event.

The steering group will continue to meet in the meantime to plan for this event and to discuss motions going to these conferences. These meetings remain open to any member of the Branch with an interest in promoting equality in the workplace.

The Disabled Members conference takes place on the 28th October and the LGBT Conference is at the end of November. At the next steering group we will discuss motions of interest to attendees.

Links to the Agenda and Motions can be found here;

[Disabled Members Conference](#)

[LGBT Conference](#)

Kim Brookes describes the last Equalities Forum

"We had a discussion on what members want, a lively discussion took place, it was passionate, it was exciting, we discussed that members maybe want something more than just the usual workplace issues dealt with, the forum to be more inclusive to members who do not identify to just one Self Organised Group. Maybe you would like to expand your circle of friends, in our sector long hours, short days = limited social life. Come along we don't have all the answers maybe you do; you have a voice, we have an ear, no workplace issues – no problem; come along see for yourself!"



Black History Month October 2017

[UNISON website -Black History Month must be 'a time for action, not just reflection'](#)

The London Region is holding a Black History Month event—"Pursuing your Dreams" We would like to send some delegates from the Branch.

Places are very limited so if you would like to attend contact the Branch for more details.

[Details on the programme for the day here.](#)

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