

Enfield Unison Black Members Group EUBMG June 2016 Newsletter 1

Dear UNISON Black Members

After 4 successful years of setting up the Enfield UNISON Black Members Group, we have become more active as a Self Organised Group (SOG)!

Although we have been going on for this time, this is our first Newsletter, and we would like to wish you a very good Welcome!

Roland Thomas (Chair), Humphry Vaughan (Senior Secretary), Glen-Ford Watson (Assistant Secretary), and Marcia Waterman (Information Officer) are your main EUBMG Officers.

Naci Natji was our former Information Officer & Disabled Member, but has recently retired. He will still remain active as a Retired Member.

There are a few other members who take on minor roles, but we would very much like others to be part of this inspiring group.

You could be part of this group that meet up to:

- Actively engage in discussions, plan and work out aims and objectives of the EUBMG
- Opportunity to be part of organizing events such as Black History Month in October
- Attending Conferences around various parts of the United Kingdom, which includes National Black Members Conferences (NBMC)
- Inspire others to have a positive impact on other Black Members in the Union
- Opportunities to acquire training available through UNISON
- Attend regular meetings to keep-updated of future events organised by the group

Our Enfield Unison Black Members Group SOG is supported by the UNISON Enfield branch.

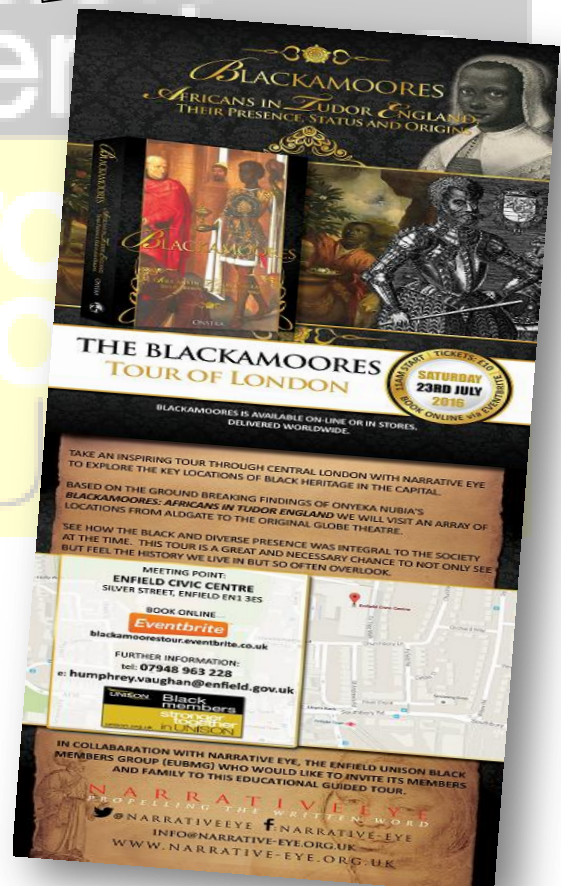
So if you would like to be involved with us (we hope that you do), please contact us, our details are below

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2016 Enfield Unison Black Members Group Events

Dates for your diary! More details will be provided nearer the time:

- As mentioned above, summer 2016 educational tour (Saturday 23rd July 2016) <http://blackamoorestour.eventbrite.co.uk>
- Next EUBMG Committee Meeting, Wednesday 27th July 2016 @ Enfield Civic Centre, 17:00 -19:30 (WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE, YOUR SUPPORT IS REALLY APPRECIATED)
- Tuesday 25th October 2016 Black History Month event @ the Dugdale Centre, Enfield Town: Theme – Centered on the achievements of Black & Diverse Children

10 Good Reasons for Having a Branch Black Members Group

1. Encourages the development of Black members into active members and activists.
2. Promotes and encourages collective working in the branch on race equality issues.
3. Promotes the Recruitment of Black members
4. Empowers Black members
5. Develops a greater understanding of trade unions and the history of Black trade unionism.
6. Provides opportunity for training, improving confidence of Black members.
7. Informs Branch bargaining agenda with employers.
8. Helps Branch and employers focus on race issues facing Black members.
9. Promotes representation of Black members as activists and in Branch positions.
10. Informs the use and promotion of the unions Race Discrimination Claims Protocol and best practice in Branch.

Other Dates to Remember:

- UNISON Greater London Regional Black Members Seminar, Tuesday 19th July 2016 @UNISON Centre, Euston
- Greater London Regional Black Members AGM @ NUT Headquarters Mabledon Place W2 10:00 – 15:00 Friday 16th September 2016

