



**Welcome
to your
Winter 2014
Newsletter!**

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UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS REACH AGREEMENT ON PAY

Consultation across the trade unions and the employers on NJC pay has concluded with all parties reaching agreement on the 2014-16 two year pay proposals. 94% of GMB members voted to accept and other unions also had significant majorities in favour.

All local government employers will be notified of this so that they can make arrangements to pay cash lump sums in December and salary increases in January.

Thanks to all GMB members for your perseverance and support during these difficult negotiations.

London March 2014



Members with the Northern Region Banner



A great turn out for GMB



Remembrance Day 2014



To mark Remembrance Day Branch President Jimmy Jamieson laid a wreath on behalf of the GMB. Jimmy with Jan Blakey, vice chair of Durham County Council

Lithuania and Romania Appeal 2014

Once again GMB had a successful trip to orphanages in Lithuania and Romania in September 2014.

Thanks to everyone who supported the appeal either by donating or buying raffle tickets.



Keep up-to-date with GMB



Please **like** the GMB Durham local Authority facebook page to keep up to date with Local and National activities.

You can also visit the branch website and Durham County Bulletin Board for all the latest information.

Durham Living Wage to be Considered



Proposals for a Durham Living Wage are to be discussed by councillors on 3rd December 2014.

The changes would mean the lowest-paid GMB Members at Durham County Council, such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers, cleaners and school crossing patrols would receive at least £7.43 per hour - 93p more than the National Minimum Wage.

The proposals, which would come into effect from 1 January 2015, have been put together by a Living Wage Working Group set up by the council to look at the benefits, risks and affordability of establishing a scheme.

Children in Need Bake Sale

The Branch held a cake bake in aid of Children in need and raised £378.67.

Thanks to all who supported the day.



Christmas is Coming!

Christmas Shopping Trip 2014

GMB Members are off to York on 22 November 2014.

A few seats are still available. Contact the Branch on 03000 268135 to book your seat.



GMB Diaries and Calendars Available

GMB will be holding stall days for members to collect diaries and calendars.

We will also be visiting work places during November and December.

December Branch Meeting

The GMB Branch meeting is scheduled for 27th November at 5pm in County Hall,

Free Christmas Raffle & Mince Pies



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GMB membership application form PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

1 TELL US ABOUT YOU

Surname <input type="text"/>	First name <input type="text"/>	Title <input type="text"/>	Date of birth <input type="text"/>
Home address <input type="text"/>	Home phone number <input type="text"/>	Mobile number <input type="text"/>	
Postcode <input type="text"/>	Email <input type="text"/>		
We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members			
Bangladesh <input type="checkbox"/> / Black African <input type="checkbox"/> / Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> / Black British <input type="checkbox"/> / Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> / Indian <input type="checkbox"/> / Irish <input type="checkbox"/> / Pakistan <input type="checkbox"/> / White <input type="checkbox"/> / Other: <input type="text"/>			
National Insurance number <input type="text"/>	I agree to abide by GMB rules <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>

2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB

Employer <input type="text"/>	Your job <input type="text"/>
Address where you work <input type="text"/>	How many hours a week do you work? <input type="text"/>
Postcode <input type="text"/>	Pay number <input type="text"/>
	Work phone number <input type="text"/>
	Pay date <input type="text"/>

3 PLEASE SELECT WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE THE DIRECT DEBIT TO BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT

If you are paid monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st day of the month*	<input type="checkbox"/> 15th day of the month*	<input type="checkbox"/> Last day of the month*	* or next working day
OR If you are paid 4 weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Friday

4 INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT



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Instructions to your Bank or Building Society: Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s) <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
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Name(s) of account holder(s) <input type="text"/>

Bank/Building Society account number <input type="text"/>	Bank/Building Society Sort Code <input type="text"/>
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