Mission to Unite Community Branches

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Alec has now created a list of branch activists who attend branch meetings,take part in campaign activities or are involved in the branch / union activities.

Over the past 4 months attendance at our branch meetings has continued to increase and we are now moving towards 40 per meeting , the September meeting had 37 involved either attending in person,on line through “Teams” or submitting apologies .The October meeting actually had over 40 .To further grown this further the branch needs to carry out more street campaigning.

The Public Transport User Group wants to raise two issues to get you our activists more involved .

1, the picture taken after our last meeting with a few of our activists with leaders of “ The campaign to honour & remember the Headscarf Revolutionaries for Humberside."

That campaign is fully supported by the Yorkshire/Humberside & Tyne & Wear Unite Region who have already donated £5,000 into the statue fund. We are organising an awareness & fund raising campaign activity on Saturday 2 January from 2 pm at Stadium of Light when Sunderland play Hull City.

As part of our support for the “ Headscarf Revolutionaries “ working class women from Hull who campaigned to improve and change Maritime Laws and working practices. This followed the “ Triple Trawler Tragedy “ when in 1968 three Hull trawler fishing boats when down off the coast of Iceland over only three weeks, with 58 Hull seafarers losing their lives by drowning.

The Headscarf Revolutionaries campaign was a massive success , they took a petition of over 10,000 signatures to present to Harold Wilson Prime Minister within 6 weeks of the tragedy. The Prime Minister altered and extensively improved Maritime Laws which resulted in thousands of lives being saved. Local Humberside people and their Maritime Museum decided to design and erect a statue in the middle of Hull to honour & remember these 4 working class women.

Please start the new year by taking part in our activity, on Saturday 2 January from 2 pm.

Please add your name to the list of volunteers.

2, In the period leading up to Christmas our branch will be taking to the streets of Gateshead to circulate our “ cost of living leaflets “we will also be singing our political Xmas Carols. About poverty, homelessness and the terrible cost of living .Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome, let’s sing our way to victory in the fight for a better world!

Welfare NOT warfare.

