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Made In Dagenham

This month sees the release of the film 'Made in Dagenham'. The film stars the award winning Sally Hawkins as Rita O'Grady who was the catalyst for the 1968 Ford Dagenham strike by 187 sewing machinists which led to the advent of the Equal Pay Act.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Please publicise Breast Cancer Awareness month to Reps and members and consider taking part in the 'Wear it Pink day' fundraiser <http://www.wearitpink.co.uk>. Just team up, wear something pink and donate £2 each to Breast Cancer Campaign on 29th October.

The Equality Act

The Equality Act came into force on 1st October 2010. It will only apply to England, Wales and Scotland and is not being introduced into Northern Ireland in the foreseeable future. The Act brings together all the discrimination legislation into one statute including the Equal pay Act.



PUBLIC SPENDING CUTS RALLY & MARCH 23rd OCT

The trade unions in Northern Ireland are organising a major march and rally in Belfast City Centre on 23rd October 2010, to coincide with the UK wide protest against the planned and vicious cuts in public expenditure which will be announced in the comprehensive spending review (CSR) by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne on 20th October. Transport has been arranged to get as many individuals as possible from across the province to the venue. Assemble at College of Art Gardens, Belfast 1pm, then march off through Belfast City Centre - the Rally will take place at Belfast City hall, 2pm.

October is Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated in the UK every October. We use this opportunity to raise awareness on the key role that black people have played in building this society, which can often be missed. This year, Unite looks specifically at the contribution made by black workers to public services. We have produced a booklet, stickers and a 'have your say' survey leaflet which should be returned to me when completed. If anyone has not already received them and would like copies of these please email Lucinda at Lucinda.townsley@unitetheunion.org

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