



Dear colleague

Thank you for your interest in joining Amicus and in particular the Community and Non Profit Sector of Amicus. Inside our pack you'll find out just how beneficial joining a union can be.

The community and not-for-profit sector is the fastest growing section of Amicus and plays a major role in the union. With over 1.3 million members, Amicus is the largest trade union in the UK and Ireland bringing with it strong and effective campaigning on your issues and professional services for all its members.

Amicus has members in a wide variety of organisation in the sector, from the very large to the very small. Organisations dealing with arts and culture, training, animal welfare, children, environment, advice, clergy and church workers, the family, housing, health, overseas aid, professional standards, policy work, qualifications and accreditation, research, support for volunteering, women, young people and many, many more.

We campaign tirelessly on issues in the sector such as better funding arrangements - longer funding cycles increasing job security and stability for users; workforce development – integrated programmes of raising the standards of management practices and the development of the staff; reducing violence and bullying- tackling violence and anti-social behaviour In and around front-line services. Working with unions to bring an end to the bullying culture; flexible working – increase the opportunity for staff to work more flexibly; Increased role – ensure that the sector remains at the cutting edge of non-statutory work as well as increasing its role in statutory work.

Amicus is also showing the way with Community branches where you can meet other workers from organisations like your own. Amicus is improving the ways employers deal with their people, by working in partnership with them wherever possible.

Whether you change jobs or stay put, Amicus will continue to be relevant. Our high quality education and training will help in your personal development besides making sense of work issues and ensuring that you meet your employer on a level playing field. Whether your concerns are with job security, pensions, funding, development, health & safety or any of a number of other issues, Amicus can help with good practice and fair treatment. And if you should need our legal backing you cannot do better than Amicus.

You know it makes sense, Amicus is the union for people who work in the community and non-profit sector. We are here to advise, support and assist you, so join now and become part of the biggest union in the UK.

We know that your time is precious but please take a few minutes to read what we can offer. Our booklet 'at work' explains what Amicus does in the workplace and the booklet 'For life' tells you about all the extra benefits union membership brings you and in many cases your family.

If you need further information about Amicus don't hesitate to call us on 0800 587 1222 or e-mail us on [recruitment@amicustheunion.org](mailto:recruitment@amicustheunion.org). I hope we've convinced you, so please fill in the membership form and return it to us.

I look forward to welcoming you as a member of Amicus, and to working with you and on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

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