

your union update

WHAT?

Do you get from
Amicus?

We offer representation and advice at work. Perhaps you face work problems that you need to resolve, or have a grievance to bring against your employer. Our Union Reps., Amicus GPM Sector full time Branch Officers and legal team are at your disposal to give you the support and advice that you need.

Amicus members have legal protection for cases such as unfair dismissal, insolvency, discrimination and harassment. We will take up your legal case at no cost to you, and if we win you receive the full amount of your claim – Amicus takes no percentage.

Amicus will also train Union Reps, Health and Safety and Union Learning Reps.

Amicus campaigning for:

- Better pensions
- Health and safety
- Rights at work
- Equal rights at work
- Information and consultation
- Shorter hours

You can join Amicus by completing the membership form inside and return it by Freepost to:

Amicus GPM Sector
FREEPOST
137 Canal Street
Nottingham
NG1 1BR



7 good reasons to join Amicus

1. Pay

Union members are paid 6% higher wages than non-union members in Britain.

2. Holidays

Union members have five days more leave than non-members. Amicus is committed to negotiating shorter working time for our members.

3. Safety

Workplaces where trade unions are organised have 50% fewer accidents recorded. Amicus train all our Health & Safety reps to a high standard and is committed to eliminating workplace accidents.

4. Job Security

According to government figures, union members are less likely to lose their jobs through redundancy than non-members.

5. Individual Representation

Amicus train our workplace reps to deal with a whole range of problems members may experience in their jobs. Experienced, professional, full time officers support the workplace reps.

6. Free Legal Advice

Amicus members have access to free legal advice and support through a network of trade union solicitors as well as a 24 hour helpline.

7. Safety in Numbers

It pays to be in a team. Amicus has a team of one million members. We have 110 members in the House of Commons, including one cabinet minister, 8 European MPs and representation in the House of Lords. Amicus has a full complement of regional officials, organisers, researchers and three education colleges to support our members.

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NOTICE TO ALL GPM SECTOR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

Now that the merger between the GPMU and Amicus has settled down your Branch felt that it was important that we touch base with our members and potential members and update them on the many benefits of being a member of Amicus.

We are looking to encourage all employees at your company to join Amicus and that is why we have initiated our "Organising for Growth" campaign.

A Branch Officer has visited your company and is working with your union reps to look at how we can maximise our membership and also highlight the opportunities for members to participation in their union.

The GPM Sector is one of the largest sectors within Amicus and with your help and assistance we want to encourage more people within your company to join or rejoin the union.

IF YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER GIVE THIS LEAFLET TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT IN THE UNION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN!

AMICUS – making a difference together

MEMBER BENEFITS

There are many more free benefits of membership which you can take advantage of:

- Stakeholder pension
- Amicus MasterCard
- Financial advice
- Unsecured personal loans
- Motor and home insurance
- Vehicle breakdown cover
- WellWoman insurance
- Travel insurance
- Amicus personal accident plan
- Amicus illness cash plan
- Union Energy
- Health care cash plan
- Holiday club
- Airport parking

The above offers will help you to offset the cost of your union membership.

JOIN TODAY

contributions are only

£2.12

per week

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Membership Form – GB

Please complete all questions if known in BLOCK CAPITALS with a black ball point pen.

About You

Surname

NI Number

Forenames

Male

Female

Mr /Mrs /Ms /Miss /Dr /Rev'd

Date of Birth

Home Address

Postcode

Home Tel

Mobile Tel

Email

Work Email

About Your Job

Employer

Work Address

Postcode

Work Tel

Your Job

Industry

Department

Payroll No.

Do you work: 20 or more hours per week (full time rate) Less than 20 hours per week (part time rate) Are you self-employed

Are you an apprentice, student or on a full time training scheme YES NO

NMC No.

Equal Opportunities

Amicus is committed to the promotion of equal opportunities for all and it is the Union's aim to provide services and support to members that is free of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability. **What ethnic group do you belong to?**

White

- British
- Irish
- Other White

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Other Asian

Black or Black British

- Black Caribbean
- Black African
- Other Black
- Mixed

White & Black Caribbean

- White & Black African
- Other mixed

Chinese or other ethnic group

- Chinese
- Other ethnic group

Do you regard yourself as someone with a disability? YES NO

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May 04

Campaign code

Branch

Workplace No. Group

Job code

Tear off completed form –moisten glue and seal – no stamp necessary

Method of payment – please complete one

1 Authorisation of deduction of your trade union contributions from your pay (check-off)

Note: Not all employers operate check-off

I hereby authorise the amount indicated from my pay or such amounts as shall be notified to my employer on my behalf from time to time by Amicus. I also authorise the employer to inform Amicus of any change of address.

Amount to be deducted

£

I am paid monthly weekly (please tick)

2 Instructions to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit



Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

Originator's Identification Number

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Membership Number (office use)

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Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Amicus 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 Amicus and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank Building Society.

To: The Manager	Bank/Building Society
Address	
Postcode	

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

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Branch Sort Code

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Bank/Building Society account number

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Signature(s)

Date

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Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account

I wish to pay: Annually Half yearly Quarterly Monthly My preferred payment date is

I wish to pay the sum of £ . Month commencing

3 Credit card

I wish to pay: Annually Half yearly Quarterly Monthly

I wish to pay by: VISA Mastercard/Access the sum of £

Card No.

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Expiry Date

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4 Cheque – Please make cheque payable to Amicus.

I wish to pay: Annually Half yearly Quarterly Monthly I enclose my cheque for £ .

Please read Data Protection notice

You have the right at any time to stop us using your details for third party marketing purposes. If you do not wish us to communicate with you or share your contact data for these purposes, please tick this box. Please note that this will preclude you from receiving our special offers or promotions.

I agree to abide by the Union's rules. I authorise the payments above.

Signature(s)

Date

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Amicus

campaigning for:

Better pensions

Equal rights at work

Health and safety

***Information and
consultation***


Shorter hours

Please help us by completing the following

How did you first hear about Amicus?

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Union Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Union rep | <input type="checkbox"/> TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper advertisement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate) | | |

Data Protection Notice

 By joining Amicus you are providing information which may be used for administrative purposes, the holding of elections and other statutory requirements.

If you do not tick the box on page 3 you consent to Amicus passing on your information for the promotion of membership services (e.g. Insurance). We may disclose your information to our service providers and agents for these purposes. However if we do disclose your information, we will put a contract in place to ensure it is protected.

We or they may contact you by post, telephone, (but not if you or the subscriber to a telephone line has registered with the Telephone Preference Service), email, SMS Text or such other means as we may agree with you from time to time, to let you know about any goods, services or promotions that may be of interest to you. We may keep your information for a reasonable period to contact you about our services.

You have the right to ask for a copy of your information (for which we charge a small fee) and correct any inaccuracies. To make sure we follow your instructions correctly and improve our service to you through training our staff, we may monitor or record communications.

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IMPORTANT

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ENCLOSED