

UNITE HISTORY PROJECT

UNITE has begun building the biggest ever collection in the UK and Ireland of research materials on trade unions and the working class.

Trained researchers are looking to interview via oral history, trade union activists from all periods. They wish to:

- Unearth artefacts including posters and badges
- Obtain written materials including articles in local newspapers, branch newsletters and strike bulletins
- Recover radio and tv recordings
- And generally root around to collect information on the trade union that since 1922 have combined to come together under the UNITE banner.

The work will have an immediate practical role with the creation of websites and the production of six books of around 40,000 words each on periods covering UNITE and its preceding unions from 1922 to 2022.

Appeal to branches

Does your union branch possess minutes books, newsletters, leaflets, including specially produced ones for strikes or major events going back decades? How about photographs or posters? Badges? These will be invaluable to our UNITE History Project.

Individuals

HIGHLY URGENT

Were you – or do you know – a trade union activist in one of UNITE'S preceding unions during the period from the 1930's to today.

Do you know of any unpublished works by trade union activists in one of UNITE'S preceding unions?

Have you yourself been an activist in UNITE or one of its preceding unions since the 1960's?

Interested in being recorded taking about your experiences? Or do you know of anyone who might be interested?

What to do?

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