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TO: Women Trade Union Officers in Yorkshire & the Humber

Invitation to Women Trade Union Officers Network meeting – 28 Sept 2018

The TUC Yorkshire & Humber’s Equalities Forum will be convening an initial network meeting of **Women Trade Union Officials from 10.15 – 12.15**, at Dewsbury Town Hall, on **28 September 2018.**

This year, the TUC celebrates its 150th anniversary and with it, a century and a half of working together to change the world of work for good. We also celebrate 100 years since women got the vote. Women have always led in our movement; from Emma Paterson, who in the 1870s set out to establish a union in every job in which women worked; to Frances O’Grady, the daughter of a car worker who founded the TUC’s organising academy – and later became the first woman general secretary of the TUC.

Since 1868 when trade union movement came together in Manchester and resolved to work as one, we fought for the rights of working people, and especially women. Whilst it is often difficult for trade union officials to find time in a busy schedule, we believe that this year we should make time to celebrate our victories, tell the stories of our successes, and plan for the future.

The aim of this event is an opportunity to meet with our trade union colleagues, and to see if there is an interest in establishing a regional network on an on-going basis.

Topics for discussion will include

* The need for a network for women Trade Union Officials
* What do we want to achieve with this network?
* What are the next steps?

Immediately after this meeting the TUC’s regional Equalities Forum will host its first Women’s Conference (12.00-14.30), with speakers on equalities legislation, the TUC’s 150th anniversary, and challenges posed to women at work by Brexit. You would be more than welcome to attend both sessions

Please email glewis@tuc.org.uk to register to attend the Women Trade Union Officers Network meeting, and please register for the afternoon Women’s Conference via this Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/2N3pNEQ>

Please note the Network for Women Officers meeting is only open to those employed directly by a trade union. The afternoon Women’s Conference is open to all women trade unionists, lay or official.

This is a rescheduling of the event which had to be cancelled on 8 March 2018 due to adverse weather.Kindly sponsored by Slater Gordon LLP.

Please find attached a flyer and agenda with more information.

Yours sincerely

Harriet Eisner, Unite

Chair, Regional Equalities Forum

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