

Statements for candidates who want to represent Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Members at the national Race Summit (you can vote for 6 people)

Dele Akinfolarin

“My Name is Dele Akinfolarin. I’m from an ethnic minority background; My parents came to this country from Nigeria, in the 60’s, I was subsequently born here, in the 70’s. From a very young age, I have stood up against not just racism but bullying, Sexism, Homophobia, Ageism, and all other forms of discrimination. I passionately support everyone, including all minorities and people from all walks of life, irrespective of their background.

I have worked as a GMB Health and Safety Rep for nearly two years and I have challenged racism up to senior management level and brought racist individuals to account, where they have been given their marching orders.

I am humbled beyond words to have been accepted and voted in for the Race Summit elections. I intend to commit and dedicate myself in to contributing to the improvement of Racial equality.”

Linval Bartley

“I have always had a natural passion for people being equal. When I became a union rep and discovered equalities and the protected characteristics, I found a home for my natural passion for fair treatment.

I have witnessed several types of discrimination, In the company I work for, and we have tackled, racial and homophobic graffiti on walls in the workplace, sexual harassment, racial discrimination, and a culture that encouraged nepotism to a high level before GMBs recognition.

Since the introduction of union reps, we have recently won a racial discrimination case against YNAP, who employ 80 - 90% foreign nationals that don't speak English as a first language, but are now benefiting from having a louder bigger collective voice, echoed through their union reps and GMB.

This has led to a huge ongoing culture shock and change for many of those guilty of discriminatory behaviours within the YNAP.”

Martha de Bruxelles

“Since I was elected to represent the Southern Region at the last election; I have fully participated in all aspect of the post. I can said I had attended 97% of the meeting, support and help to organised events as well as asked to contribute to events. I take my role very serious and demonstrate my passion, dedication and commitment to the promotion, understanding and awareness of race issues affecting our members as well the large society we live on. If elected I will renew my commitment to the post. I bring to the table an abundance of live experience has well as been member and participate in other organisations and groups that are engaged on combating all form of racial inequalities. I have proven to be someone that can be relied to undertake a task, work well with my colleagues, show resilience, determination and commitment.”

Shamik Das

No Statement

Keith Johnson

No Statement

Ammo Kallu

"I have been an active member of GMB supporting colleagues as a Branch Executive Committee member; caseworker; and pursuing critical equality, diversity and inclusion policies with my employer.

My aspiration is that my brothers and sisters have equal access to jobs, training, and promotions. I will continue to combat, on your behalf, race discrimination in all of its forms.

Working together we can create a fairer society and fight racial injustice.

As part of pursuing race equality matters at (Dartford) Asda Warehouse, it is critical that I share at the National Race Summit issues we have successfully challenged and systemic race issues that remain. Further, discuss and learn from other delegates of what works, and inform the future race agenda which I am confident will have a positive impact on our members."

Charlaine Nkum

"I have been a Union Representative for over five years. Throughout my time not only have I supported members, I have also been involved in the initial development of our region's Southern Race Network, GMB's Domestic Abuse Charter, the Reasonable Adjustments Passport and more recently the initiation of an Ethnicity Pay Gap Campaign.

I am an Equality Adviser by profession, which has enabled me to implement positive change in the workplace by creating policies to tackling public abuse towards staff and procuring and developing a mentoring programme for Minority Ethnic colleagues.

I have a strong presence in my community, hosting family events. I previously organised an Instagram live with Kojo the Comedian to raise awareness on Stop and Search rights and working to ensure policing is fair and accountable.

I deem it important to equip members with knowledge about their working rights and instilling confidence, which then enables the member to enhance themselves in their working environments."

Syed Raza

No Statement

Anthony Snagg

"As a long standing GMB Rep in NHS I am passionate about ensuring that diversity inclusion and equality in my and other workplaces, communities and society. I am dedicated to promote equality for all that are core principles of GMB more, over to support GMB members to fight all forms of discrimination, bullying victimisation or harassment. I have been victim of racial abuse in my workplace myself and I challenge this and have taken this through legal proceedings. Racism has to be challenge every time and I wany to empower and support GMB members to do the same, as to many times the incident are not reported or challenged. There are still more to be done and will be honoured to be involved in GMB equality and organising journey."