UNISON
City of Edinburgh Black Members

UNISON Black History Month Celebration: Honouring Our Communities

Black History Month 2026: Celebrating the people who strengthen our communities

Each October, our Black History Month celebrations recognised the contributions, achievements and lasting influence of Black people throughout British history. They also honoured the contributions and achievements of Black people in the communities we celebrated.

“Honouring Our Communities” was the focus of this celebration: recognising our rich cultural heritage, reflecting on shared experiences and celebrating the diversity within our communities. It invited us to honour the people and connections that helped those communities thrive.

Our Black members and delegates strengthened UNISON through their voices, leadership and collective action. We celebrated their contributions to advancing equality, fairness and social justice across our union.



UNISON Edinburgh Black History Month Celebration

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Celebrating Black history was not only about looking back. It was also about recognising how Black members shaped our communities—and how their voices and collective action could help shape the future.

Representing Our Communities

✊ We took our members' voices to the STUC Conference. There, we contributed to discussions that shaped workers' rights, equality and the future of our communities.







Strength in Solidarity

At the National Black Members Conference, Black members came together to share experiences and exchange ideas. Joining fellow members strengthened our collective voice and put solidarity into practice.





Photographs of delegates attending the National Black Members Conference, celebrating participation, solidarity and collective strength.

Campaigning for Migrant Workers' Rights

Through the Fair Visa campaign, we stood together for migrant workers' rights. Our aim was to champion fair treatment and dignity and to secure better outcomes for migrant workers.

We expressed our solidarity by standing together.



Pictures from the Fair Visa campaign protest, showing members standing together for migrant workers' rights and dignity.



Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow “Building leaders. Shaping the future.”

Participants in the UNISON Black Leadership Programme worked to strengthen their leadership skills and build confidence. This development supported the wider goal of greater representation across our union.



Photograph of delegate attending the UNISON Black Leadership Programme, highlighting development, empowerment and the next generation of leaders.

Alongside the work of representing, campaigning and developing leaders, we celebrated the shared experiences and connections at the heart of our communities. Looking back on the past year was another way to honour that sense of belonging.

Some Additional Photos from the Past Year











Making History Together:

We shared our stories, celebrated our communities and helped shape our union's future.

