

Affiliations, donations and correspondence – November 2011

Affiliations

Organisation	Publication	Recommendation

Donation requests

Organisation	Request	Recommendation	Reason
Newcastle Ravens Rugby Club	Predominantly gay rugby team – request for funding towards strip and running costs.	50% of the cost of strip, providing UNISON logo is included on strip.	Branch priority and offer of extensive publicity.
Unison Northern	Health Union in Santiago (Cuba) – towards medical & other equipment, mini bus etc	£150	Branch and UNISON priority
Medical Aid for Palestinians(MAP)	First Aid training for Bedouin Community	0	Already donated this year
War on Want	Poor communities in Sri Lanka – train farmers in sustainable organic farming techniques	£50	Worthwhile cause.
Newcastle Women's Aid	Christmas Appeal	£150 – J Bird to speak on this item	Branch and UNISON priority
Cuba Solidarity Campaign	50 years of illegal blockade	£150	Branch and UNISON priority
Hardest Hit Campaign	March and Rally support	£150 – agreed by email	Branch and UNISON priority

Correspondence received

Organisation	Event	Details	Action
ACTSA	Annual fundraising dinner	Purchase tickets	
Lifespan	Thank you	Donation - £65	

From July 2011 all requests for donations or funding should be received two weeks in advance of Branch Committee. Any requests received after this will be considered at the following meeting. This is to allow time for Senior Branch Officers to consider the requests and make recommendations to Branch Committee.

Funding criteria

The following funding criteria is applied relating to the level of donations we make to strikes, appeals and so on:

1. UNISON Strike - £250
2. Non-UNISON strike - £150
3. Donation to an organisation which is a Branch or UNISON priority - £150 (or the amount requested if less)
4. Donation to an organisation which is not a priority but is deemed worthwhile - £50 or the amount requested if less)
5. Donation to emergency appeals, for example Haiti earthquake - £250 or another amount deemed reasonable by Branch Committee