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TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague

Celebrating Black History Month (BHM)

The Equal Opportunities Department has been promoting Black History Month in the UK for a number of years, celebrating and remembering the history and contributions of Black communities and black individuals, past and present.

The CWU will be supporting Wear Red Day organised by Show Racism the Red Card on Friday, 19th October and we encourage all our Branches and Regions to consider organising a Black History initiative in order that our members can be better informed around the significant contribution of black people in history.

We are in possession of a number of interesting black history pull-ups, which feature various characters both from the past and present. These pull-ups, which are part of a wider exhibition, have been used and celebrated by organisations such as the Labour Party and other trade unions.

Use of the pull-ups is completely free but carriage costs would be met by anyone agreeing to use them. We also ask that any Branch or Region who uses the pull-ups considers making a donation to the African-Caribbean Leukaemia Trust (ACLT).

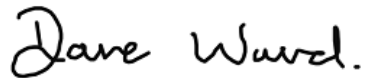
We are confident that all CWU members irrespective of their colour, creed etc. will find a black history initiative of great interest. Black History should not just be celebrated for a month - our view is that it is important throughout the year.

Here is a link to a poster celebrating Black History month. Please put up in your workplace to raise awareness and celebrate significant achievements.

<http://www.cwu.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/BHM2018-A3.pdf>

Any enquiries on the content of this LTB should be addressed to dnoel@cwu.org in the Equal Opportunities Department.

Yours sincerely



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