

The logo for GMB Southern Region, featuring the letters 'GMB' in white on an orange background.

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An introduction!

Southern Region Retired Members Association

In the face of the most sustained attack on the living standards of working people we need your support and participation!



President Megan Dobney

It is a privilege to be elected as President of the region's Retired Members' Association and to have the opportunity to work with and for you in our Region.

To introduce myself – I worked for over 30 years in the print and was a Mother of the Chapel in print unions NGA and GPMU. I then worked for the Trades Union Congress as Regional Secretary covering London, the South East and East of England – this was when I joined the GMB.

Since I retired from that post I have become an Accompanying Rep, looking after our members in workplaces with no elected Rep in the South London General Branch (K19). I also have a voluntary role as Secretary in the International Brigade Memorial Trust – the organisation that keeps alive the memory and spirit of the men and women who fought fascism and defended democracy in the Spanish Civil War.

I view the RMA as an opportunity to not only campaign for the interests of retired members, but also to do what we can to support the GMB's working membership. Along with the other officers I seek to build our RMA into a really valuable part of our Region – but this requires your support and contribution as well! So please join in our activities, respond to our emails, and share your opinions.

Many of our retired members have a tough time – and collectively we can make it better.

A reminder – what is the aim of the GMB's RMAs? The national RMA constitution says:

- The GMB RMA aims to provide practical assistance to the recruitment, retention and organisational objectives of the GMB wherever and whenever possible.
- The GMB RMA aims to campaign on behalf of retired GMB members, to bring about dignity in retirement.
- The GMB RMA will work in partnership with like-minded pensioner groups whenever it is appropriate to do so.
- The RMA aims at all times to comply with Equal Opportunity policies of the GMB.

None of these important aims will be won by officers and committee alone – we need your support and involvement! Please contact me to get involved megan@gm.apc.org