

Dear colleagues,

The TUC and Stand Up To Racism have called a **week of action:  *1 Year On from George Floyd's Murder - We Need Action #UKisNotInnocent #BlackLivesMatter***, with actions and events taking place across England, Scotland and Wales from **17 - 25 May**.

You can see the full details of what's happening on 17, 22 and 25 May [**HERE**](http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/week-of-action-one-year-on-from-murder-of-george-floyd-ukisnotinnocent-blacklivesmatter/)

On Monday 17 May, the TUC and SUTR are hosting a mass mobilising meeting to organise across the unions for the #TakeTheKnee actions on Tuesday 25 May. The link to register for the TUC & SUTR mobilising meeting is [**HERE**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/153861368495)

We are writing to all union colleagues to **ask that you promote and take part in the TUC's call for members to #TakeTheKnee** **in workplaces on Tuesday 25 May** - the actual anniversary of Floyd's death.

A  full graphics pack, with options for Twitter, Facebook and Instagram can be accessed [**HERE**](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=1ymr52JmfXJcnXtYmgOl5oWUsSK0Tw-CP)

**Can your union support the day of action by doing the following**:

**1.** **Call** on members/branches/regions - **via your email lists, website and social media platforms**- to organise to  **#TakeTheKnee actions in workplaces** on  **Tuesday 25 May**, and take photos and videos.

If possible, can your union's general secretary/ a national spokesperson for your union could  **produce a short video supporting the week of action** and drawing the links between the watershed moment of the #BlackLivesMatter movement sparked by Floyd's murder, and Chauvin's verdict, and the ongoing institutional racism, deaths in custody and disproportionate Covid deaths here in Britain.

**2.** Call on branches and members to  **take part in the** **6pm Twitterstorm on Tuesday 25 May**, posting all photos and videos and comments from their #TakeTheKnee actions at 6pm, **using  #TakeTheKnee** and  **#UKisNotInnocent** and please also do so from any national social media accounts

3. Call on branches and members to **support local protests taking place on Saturday 22 May** as part of the week of action. A link to the list of events taking place across Britain for reference will be added and updated [**HERE**](http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/week-of-action-one-year-on-from-murder-of-george-floyd-ukisnotinnocent-blacklivesmatter/)

Do let us know what your union can do to support #TakeTheKnee on 25 May, and the week of action.

Many thanks,

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