

## **Scottish Report for LGBT Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012**

The Scottish Committee has not met since conference in Glasgow. We were pleased at the success of conference and that all our motions were passed by conference. We took part on the St Andrew's Day march against racism on 26<sup>th</sup> November and had a strong presence on the demonstration in Glasgow on the day of the pensions strike on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Glasgow City Branch are allowing bi Scotland to use our offices for their monthly meetings and we hope that they will suggest some Unison members who may wish to join the committee and fill our reserved seat for bi members. We hope to encourage some non members who are eligible to join. We will be attending their meetings in the New Year.

The West of Scotland LGBT Forum held a consultation with the trans community re the need for a new LGBT Centre in Glasgow. We attended and again used the event as a recruiting opportunity and again hope to fill our reserved seat on the committee from contacts we have made.

The Scottish Committee & Unison Scotland have submitted a response to The Scottish Government's marriage consultation and we were happy to work with Tom French from The Equality Network on this matter. He was glad to be able to speak to the committee at conference and hopefully his input will assist in the consultation for England & Wales. The Scottish Committee ensured that the equal marriage consultation was discussed at Scottish Council in December and that consultation forms were completed by members in attendance.

The Scottish Committee intends to continue our involvement with SWAN (employee network) and will be attending a meeting hosted by the Scottish Government on 7<sup>th</sup> February where Nicola Sturgeon (Deputy First Minister) will be in attendance and will be discussing the Scottish Government's priorities for LGBT equality.

Scottish Committee meets again for our policy weekend at the end of January.

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