

## **Amendment 3/1**

### New Clause 3.2

There shall be other categories of membership as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Council. These categories shall include:

- Retired Member Plus
- Community/Associate Community/Student Member
- Back to Work Member
- Apprentice/Trainee Member.

The Executive Council shall determine the qualifications for membership of these categories as well as the level of contribution and entitlement to benefit. Membership of Retired Members Plus and Community/Student Membership shall not accord an entitlement to vote in any ballot or election held by the Union other than:

- i. an election to the office of General Secretary under Rule 15 and 16.
- ii. elections within Retired Members Plus and Community/Student Member structures, or;
- iii. as otherwise specified in these Rules or any ballot or election in which all members must by statute be accorded an unconditional entitlement to vote.

Associate Community Members shall have no entitlement to hold any position in the union or to participate in any of the union's structures beyond the Community Group/Branch of which they are a member nor shall they be entitled to vote in elections for General Secretary and Executive Council.

### New Clause 3.3

Members of the union who upon retirement wish to remain in membership but not as Retired Members Plus shall be organised as "ordinary" retired members. Such "ordinary" retired members shall not be afforded any entitlement to vote in any ballot or election held by the Union.

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## **N/R 1**

### Community/Student Members

- X.1 Unite Community Membership shall be open to all not in paid employment as well as those not seeking employment. The sections aims are to organise, campaign, protest and mobilise, both independently as well as alongside our industrial, young and retired members, in order to progress matters of interest and/or concern to our community and wider industrial membership, provided that such activities are not inconsistent with the general policy and objectives of the Union.
- X.2 Associate Community Membership shall be open to community groups seeking block affiliation such as tenants' associations and student bodies. Associate membership could also include those engaged in agreed organising campaigns and others as agreed by the Executive Council.
- X.3 Other than vocational students, who shall be organised within the appropriate industrial sector, Community, Associate Community and Student Members shall be organised in local groups and wider Area Community Branches. In each Region there shall be Regional Coordinating Group meetings as appropriate in order to plan, coordinate, organise and evaluate campaigns and activities. There shall be National Coordinating Group meetings as appropriate drawn from activists at a Regional level.
- X.4 Community/Student Member activists are entitled to attend Area Activists Meetings and the Regional Political Conference (if Unite GC delegates) and to stand for election for at least 2 defined Community/Student Member seats on Area Activist Committees and Regional Political Committees, elected by Community/Student Members attending the Meeting.

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