



## Retired Members' Branch - Glasgow

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To: Unite Branches and Committees

Dear Colleagues

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS – UNION SONG BOOK, SONG CLUB AND WEBSITE

I am writing to you about an exciting initiative by my union branch. We have already agreed a draft and are now ready to go into production with a Union Song Book.

Our Union Song Book is not simply an exercise in nostalgia for members who have passed their sell-by date! We shall establish a Choir and musicians who will support union leverage campaigns by providing open-air song support at lobbies, demonstrations and pickets. We shall target bad bosses and hand out union recruitment material to employees and give them a blast of solidarity singing to raise their spirits.

A socialist tsunami of song will sweep across the streets and squares of Glasgow as the Retired Member's choir adds enthusiasm to union campaigns. We shall produce the song book and we shall also set up a Union Song Web site so that original versions can be listened to and where portable document format (PDFs) of our song book can be downloaded for print by other union branches. We shall also establish a monthly Union Song Club so that we can practice our songs in a friendly hostelry before planning our next foray to embarrass bad bosses throughout the city! We believe that this initiative will be taken up across the UK and Retired Members branches will be at the forefront of the union song campaign!

Our own branch fund is limited as we only get a small retention and we have over 3200 free card holders!

Please give generously to this appeal. Cheques should be made payable to: **"Unite Retired Members Glasgow Branch"** and sent to me at the above address.

We anticipate that our Union Song Book, Union Song Website and Union Song Club will be launched on 19 May at a lunchtime concert in Glasgow City Centre.

All donations will be acknowledged.

In Solidarity

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James McEwen".

James McEwen  
Branch Secretary