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Marking UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

NOTES:

· The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on the anniversary of the day the police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960.

· UCU Cardiff and nationally, UEB and Wales as a nation have a commitment to anti-racism.

· Over the years, UCU together with other unions have supported this by attending, speaking at and providing funding for the day (transport, PA system, leaflets etc).

· This year the day is 17th March and we are planning to finish with a community event in Grange gardens, with music and poetry, to engage with the diverse communities of south Wales.

BELIEVES:

· That we must stand up against the rising tide of racism, anti-semitism and Islamophobia we are witnessing.

· We should demonstrate our university, staff and students’ ambition to make this nation and university to becoming anti-racist.

· We, as a union should demonstrate our support for antiracism by being active in this and by engaging with diverse communities in our area.

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RESOLVES:

That we support the rally on the day and do this by clear actions, such as:

· Encouraging members to attend

· Showing our support and presence by this and the UCU Cardiff banner

· make a donation to the organising committee, Stand up to Racism, to help fund the event, bands, (PA equipment, expenses for performers, supporting Grangetown Pavilion in providing refreshments etc).

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