

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Do not suffer from Racism alone. Fight it together**

**Date :** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, **Time :** 2.30pm – 5pm

**Venue:** University of Sunderland, Sir Tom Cowie Campus, St Peters, SR6 0DD

**Room:** Reg Vardy Centre (RV) Room 404

### **AGENDA**

**2.30pm – 4pm : A meeting for Black Minority Ethnic (BME) UCU members :**

- 1) Welcome and Apologies
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Objectives of Black (BME) Members Network
- 4) Report of the meeting held on 3rd May 2014
- 5) UCU Annual Equalities Conference 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Manchester
- 6) Casework & Support - Racial harassment, discrimination, bullying, grievances
- 7) How to increase participation of Black Minority Ethnic Members at Branches, Region, National
- 8) AOB

**4pm – 5pm : Celebrate Black History Month** with an address by Chi Onwurah, MP for Newcastle upon Tyne. This section of the meeting is open to all.

#### **Chi's Background :**

*"My mother grew up in poverty in Garth Heads on the Quayside. In the fifties she married my father, a Nigerian student at Newcastle Medical School. In 1965 I was born, whilst they were living in Gosforth where my father had a dental practice. I was still a baby when my father took us to live in Awka, Nigeria, but two years later the Biafran Civil War broke out bringing famine with it and, as described vividly in an Evening Chronicle article in 1968, my mother, my brother and sister and I returned as refugees to Newcastle, whilst my father stayed on in the Biafran army".*

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UCU members in the region who are Black/BME can claim reasonable travel expenses for attending the meeting.

For more information about this meeting, please contact the UCU Regional Administrator, Emma Alexander: [ealexander@ucu.org.uk](mailto:ealexander@ucu.org.uk)