

# Are you... ‘The One’?

**Some of you who have seen the film The Matrix and know who “The One” is may be thinking “What on earth has it got to do with UNISON?” And surprisingly, in many respects, the answer is more than you think.**

For those of you who haven't seen the film here's a one sentence synopsis – In the future the perceived reality is in fact a simulated reality (called The Matrix) where humans are pacified (won't go into reasons why); however, when the people of Zion stand together and fight collectively and as individuals to preserve their world, and dispel the misconceptions, reality triumphs – The End.

## **Lots of ‘Ones’**

So you may be asking yourself now, “what's this got to do with me?”. Well, no-one at UNISON is claiming to be Morpheus and we're not looking for a Neo or Keanu Reeves, but we are looking for ‘The One’ ... actually lots of ‘Ones’, lots of you!

Luckily in UNISON we don't have to fight in the same sense as Zion, but in UNISON we often need to fight misconceived realities, and to do that, like Zion, we work together campaigning collectively and individually to challenge decisions, policies and misconceptions at all levels in your employer, in the Government, in the media and with the general public. It isn't always easy, but it is what we do in UNISON because we believe in what we're doing and why we're doing it ... and having individuals like you working with us makes this fight much easier.

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your behalf, and sometimes that's the most effective way of representing you as an individual or as a whole.

There are other times, however, when the best voice to be heard is yours as the Member, the individual, the person involved or affected because you're ‘The One’ who matters and it's your voice that will mean the most everyone else.

## **Speak up**

Want to speak out, but are a little unsure about being ‘The One’? Don't let that stop

you from expressing an interest, you won't be alone. UNISON's South West Region, and your local branch will support you and guide you. Volunteer - you will make a difference.

Every UNISON member can make a difference. As an individual you are ‘The One’ who can portray how a decision, legislation, a policy, pay rises or lack of, inflation, the budget and many more issues affect you.

We're looking for members right across the region, from Gloucester and Wiltshire, down to Cornwall, and from Bristol and across to Dorset... and everywhere in between.

We therefore need more of you to, just occasionally, volunteer and speak up for yourself and your public services.



# Could you be 'The One'?

If you believe in your public services and in what you do, act now to dispel the misconceptions about public services.

Make sure your voice is heard.

Below is a list of the members we need.

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

- Part time worker
- Low paid worker, particularly women
- Member in HE & FE
- PCSO\*
- Essential car user/ driver

- Young Member
- Disabled member
- LGBT member
- Black member
- Retired member

**Members who have experienced or are potentially exposed to violence\***

- Health worker
- Lone\*

**Local Government members including:**

- Refuse collector
- Social worker\*
- Planning
- Environment
- Traffic warden\*

- Teaching assistant
- School meals staff

**Health members including:**

- Nurse\*
- Admin
- Medical secretary
- Paramedic/ PTS/ Ambulance staff\*
- Control room staff
- Home Care worker

\*members considered particularly exposed to violent attack.

As a member, do any of the above apply to you? Even if not, as there are numerous jobs in public services (too many to list), you could still be 'The One' to make your voice heard for other public service workers just like you.

Speak up to support and defend your jobs in the public sector – complete this form and send it to the address below:

Name .....

Job title .....

Workplace .....

Employer .....

Preferred contact number .....

Email address .....

UNISON membership no. ....

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