



Fred given life honorary award

Fred Barnes receives his Honorary Life Membership certificate from general secretary Geoff Bagnall, with Unity president Lynne Huson.

Mr Bagnall said: "I have known Fred for more than 30 years through our involvement with the union. For many years he was a shop floor representative for Royal Doulton and he was never afraid to speak his mind and always put his fellow members first."

"Everyone connected with Unity hopes that Fred has a long, happy and healthy retirement, he certainly deserves it. Good luck Fred!"

Celebrating Lifelong Learning

How Tommy's life was transformed

Tommy Dawkins, a former kiln operator at Steelite International, told the audience at the union's 'Celebration of Lifelong Learning' event that he decided to tackle his problems with literacy after becoming a Unity works rep.

This new role improved his confidence and gave him the incentive to set an example to his colleagues.

"With support from my union and Steelite, I plucked up the courage to improve my reading and writing. I had passed up lots of opportunities to better myself because I was scared people would find out that I couldn't write and my reading wasn't much better. After attending a basic skills course I have been promoted for the first time in my life."

After 27 years at the company Tommy was promoted to a security officer. An NEC member and learning rep at Steelite, he has done much to support workmates with similar learning needs.



Tommy was awarded an MBE in recognition of his exemplary work as a union learning representative. He regularly speaks to groups of workers around the UK under the auspices of the TUC.

TUC chief Brendan Barber listens with interest as Tommy Dawkins, sporting his MBE, tells of his adult education experiences.

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Award for Aynsley

Unity president Lynne Huson receives a certificate on behalf of Aynsley China to recognise the company's extensive commitment to Lifelong Learning. Lynne is a Unity learning representative at the company.

