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**New Partnership between UNISON and
Northamptonshire Racial Equality Council**

Northamptonshire Racial Equality Council is pleased to announce a new partnership arrangement with the County Branch of the Public Sector trade union UNISON which represents thousands of county council employees.

The partnership will include REC complainant aid staff supporting and working closely with UNISON lay officials to represent UNISON members complaining of unlawful racial discrimination or racial harassment at work. The REC will also be arranging training for UNISON members and officials.

The partnership for UNISON will see a benefit to all members affected by discrimination in the workplace through earlier and more effective intervention, and resolving matters speedily and reducing the need for lengthy legal cases. For the REC, the partnership represents closer working with a major local trade union and the REC will also receive financial support from UNISON to support its overall work.

This is the first of such partnerships in the County between the REC and a trade union, and it may be the first in the country.

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