

NEWS FROM MERSEYSIDE BRANCH 256

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF MERSEYSIDE BRANCH

The sudden sad passing of Harry Rimmer earlier in the year has had a huge impact on the day to day running of the Merseyside Branch. Harry played a very prominent role in the running of the Branch and new Officers are urgently required to ensure the Branch continues to function.

In view of this, a Special Meeting has been called for **Wednesday 15th January 2025** at 1.00pm at the Liverpool Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, Liverpool, L1 3BT to discuss the future of the Branch. A number of options will be considered at this meeting and ultimately the Branch faces a number of potential scenarios.

1. To continue as a Branch of NFOP, with new Officers appointed
2. Merger with a neighbouring Branch
3. Branch Closure and members transferred to the General Branch
4. Becoming a Social Branch with a named person available to liaise with NFOP Head Office. Branch account(s) will be closed and funds transferred to NFOP and / or NFOP Welfare Fund.

Any decision to close the Branch would require a subsequent closure meeting to be held and a vote taken by Members. This would very much be a last resort and one taken with great regret as Merseyside Branch has always been very active, holding regular meetings and social events and nominating Delegates to attend the AGM / Annual Conference.

The Chief Executive Officer of NFOP, Eamonn Donaghy will be in attendance at this special meeting to offer his support and guidance.

If any member would be willing to volunteer to take an active part on the Committee by becoming a Branch Officer, please attend this special meeting, show your support and make your interest known.

For any further information, please contact NFOP Head Office on 01582 721652 or alternatively email: info@nfop.org.uk

Merseyside 256 is your Branch and your decisions count, so please make every effort to attend this special meeting.