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TO: **All Members**

BLACK & ETHNIC MINORITY MEMBERS (B&EMM) SCHOOL 2018 FRIDAY 5 – SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2018 AT WORTLEY HALL, NEAR SHEFFIELD, S35 7DB

Please find attached an application form for the annual B&EMM School which will take place from Friday 5 – Sunday 7 October 2018, and will be held at Wortley Hall, Sheffield.

The school theme for this year is '*Moving On – the future for B&EMM*'. The itinerary will include guest speakers and workshop sessions, as well as the opportunity to raise and discuss other matters with FBU officials and colleagues. Programme highlights will be posted on the FBU website nearer the time.

B&EMM wishing to attend the school and are on duty for these dates, please contact your local FBU rep about requesting Trade Union Leave. You should request this at the same time you send in your application. If you have childcare commitments that may be a barrier to you attending the school please contact Lindsey McDowell (Head of Education) on 020 8481 1506 or email lindsey.mcdowell@fbu.org.uk to discuss how the union can support you to join the event.

The B&EMM National Committee has a policy that priority is given to:

- First time applicants
- Our non-African Caribbean members and women members
- B&EMM who are interested in becoming union officials
- Members who make a contribution to B&EMM activity

Applications will be endorsed by Head Office in conjunction with Regional Secretaries and the B&EMM National Secretary. All applications will be acknowledged and we will confirm after the closing date those applicants that have successfully secured a place at this year's school.

Completed applications must be returned **no later than Friday 7th September 2018** to janr@fbu.org.uk or by post to Jan Ross, Fire Brigades Union, 68 Coombe Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 7AE.

If you would like to discuss the school please contact Micky Nicholas, the B&EMM Secretary, on 07764 927 729 or mickn@fbu.org.uk

Best wishes.

Yours fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Wrack'.

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