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McLean wins national award

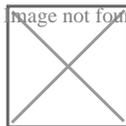
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Appledore Shipbuilders branch secretary and local activist Jake McLean has won a national award from the TUC.

The award recognises Jake's community organising work in Appledore and his home in Bideford which he has been doing for GMB.

The award would usually be presented at the TUC's annual conference but this year it was held digitally instead, with a video being shown of the award winners.

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Jake was nominated by the Wales and Southwest region of the GMB for his work involving the Save Appledore Shipyard Campaign, assisting members in various care home during the pandemic and getting involved with various community initiatives.

Along with colleagues Jake Campaigned relentlessly for Appledore shipyard in the run up to the closure, as well as after the yard closed, eventually resulting in the yard re opening.

Continuing his work in the local community as the GMB North Devon branch secretary Jake has continued to represent, advise, and help many people across North Devon and in many sectors.



“ Urgently need Government to develop proper defence industrial strategy to ensure that we do not lose the valuable shipbuilding skills at [#Appledore](#) [@GMB_union](#) [@unitetheunion](#) [pic.twitter.com/iwShXkKFO4](#)

— Nia Griffith MP ([@NiaGriffithMP](#)) [October 30, 2018](#)

Jake said:

“I feel truly humbled and honoured to not only receive this award but to of been nominated in the first place.

When I first started to become active in the GMB I never imagined where this journey would have taken me, it’s been a real privilege and honour to represent GMB members in North Devon.

Fighting for the rights of our members to be treated fairly without prejudice is something that shouldn’t need to be done, but it does, that’s why I continue to do what I do and why I am proud to be a member of the GMB representing workers across North Devon”.

“ [@GMBWSW](#) [@MattRobertsGMB](#) [pic.twitter.com/gSJPlawI4w](#)

— Jake Mclean GMB Rep ([@JakeGMBrep](#)) [August 25, 2020](#)

Matt Roberts, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

"We are absolutely delighted that someone from North Devon has won this national award.

The reason our union nominated Jake was not only his campaigning work for Appledore Shipyard, which is well known locally, but because when he lost his job, he decided to continue with his trade union work helping people in other sectors in the local community like our care home workers.

Unions can play a really valuable role in our communities and Jake has put this into practice by doing what unions are all about - helping others in their workplaces.

