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I began working for the County Council in September 1975, in Social Services Research and Development, and joined NALGO at the same time. I later transferred to Libraries, now one part of Cultural and Community Services, and became a steward for that department.

I was brought up in a strong Labour family, and trade union values were central to all our beliefs - better working conditions, social justice and democracy.

These values transcend cultural and national borders and are the fundamental rights of every citizen.

It saddens me that across the world, trade unionists are killed each year for merely belonging to a trade union.

Thousands more are imprisoned, beaten and tortured or subjected to imprisonment for their beliefs.

More lose their jobs merely for attempting to organise a trade union.

By affiliating to other international organisations and trade unions, UNISON ensures that its members show their support in the global struggle for universal respect for trade union rights.