

UNISON

CAUSEWAY BRANCH AGM Newsletter 2024

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It's about You, Your Branch, Your Say and Your Vote

Our Branch AGM is the single most important meeting of the year. Every year UNISON requires its branch officers and stewards to stand for re-election.

The AGM is your opportunity to have a say in how the branch is run and who will represent you in 2024.

It is also a great opportunity to meet with other members and UNISON stewards and to find out how UNISON has been active on your behalf during the year.

If you would like to become more active in UNISON: Representing your colleagues or becoming involved please contact your branch.

AGM Meeting Dates

There will be prizes raffled at each AGM

Monday 19th February

MDEC Causeway Hospital Seminar Room 2
@ 9.00am—12pm & 7pm—9pm

Tuesday 20th February

Training room, Day Procedure Unit,
Dalriada @ 12 noon—2pm

Wednesday 21st February

Bill Tweed room, Robinson Hospital @
12 noon—2pm

Thursday 22nd February

The Brook @ 11am,
Mental Health, Castlerock @ 1pm
Mountfern Complex @ 2.30pm



On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of September during a period of 48 hours, nurses, health care assistants, pharmacists, radiographers, porters, admin and technical staff, cleaners, catering and ambulance crew took strike action. Payroll staff took action for a shorter period to ensure their co-workers received their pay on time - a decision highly commended by their union colleagues.

UNISON members in the health service are fed up with the current impasse in their just pursuit of pay parity. They have decided not to remain silent as politicians dither and delay a resolution of their political differences. They have resolved to continue demanding that the Secretary of State use his powers of economic governance to include funding for the restoration of pay parity.

NHS workers in England and Wales had their pay uplift since from April this year.

Why should health staff in Northern Ireland have to wait? No amount of finger pointing at local politicians justifies this appalling situation.



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Call Membership on 028 90270190 or Join Online <https://join.unison.org.uk/>

LGBT+ Events

Unison Causeway LGBT+ Branch, for the first time, had an Awareness & Wellbeing Event at the home town of Mark Ashton in Portrush Town Hall on 8th June 2023. This was well supported, the Regional Secretary of UNISON Patricia McKeown attended alongside of Causeway Mayor.



Mark Ashton.



UNISON College offers over 700 different course topics to our members each year. Ranging from in-person accredited learning to virtual and eLearning CPD modules. We offer E learning modules through the skills academy and Nursing times CPD Zone. These are fully funded for all UNISON members.

Additionally, we offer learning grants, funded places on K102 Open University modules, in person and virtual sessions. Our sessions can be booked via our app or by emailing educationni@unison.co.uk

You can access our education grants; eLearning modules and application forms and pre-recorded lectures can be found [here](#) by **scanning the code**



Update Your Details

Check your membership status by checking your payslip for deductions or your bank for direct debit. If this is not up to date, then you may **NOT** be a UNISON member. Please contact the Membership Department on 028 9027 0190 to update your details.

Changed your name, moved house or have a new number? You can update your details using our online form. Go to <https://www.unison-ni.org.uk/update-your-details> or contact your branch.

SCAN ME



Free School Meals For All

UNISON launched a campaign across health and education to call for universal free school meal provision for all children and young people.



Donations in 2023

The Fields of Life — to help build a well.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Legal Advice

Thompson's NI are our specialist employment solicitors. For free legal advice and support on Personal injury and non-employment matters, contact: **0800 0857 857**

Quilter Financial Advisors

Quilter Financial Advisors can help you resolve financial issues whatever your circumstances or stage in life, contact: **08000 85 85 90**

UNISON There For You

Members experiencing financial and emotional difficulties can contact our welfare charity - 'There for You' who provide confidential advice and a support service. Financial assistance, general advice, wellbeing breaks, credit support, debt line support and much more for is available members and their dependents. 'There for You' can be found on UNISON's web page or contact your local branch reps. www.unison.org.uk/get-help/

The branch would remind you this service is **FREE** to all UNISON members.



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