

UNISON

Foyle Health Branch AGM Newsletter 2024

FOYLE BRANCH AGM 2024

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.

This year the AGMs will take place physically and online

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 Virtual Meeting Dates

Tuesday 26th March

online meeting via zoom

2pm-3pm

Please see joining details below

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Physical meeting

6.30pm—8.30pm

St. Columb's Park House

Light refreshments available

Our Tuesday afternoon AGM meeting will be held via the **Zoom** online platform. **Zoom** is free to download on tablet or smartphone, or can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/>.

You can join the AGM on Zoom in a number of ways:

1. Click here <https://shorturl.at/pWZ03>
2. Scan the QR code
3. Access the Zoom website - <https://zoom.us/>.



SCAN ME

UNISON Foyle Health Workers Speaking Out and Stepping Out

Foyle Health Branch would like to thank all our members for participating in Action Short of Strike and Industrial Action. It has been our concerted effort to ensure our members voices are heard by the Secretary of State. By attending the picket lines in your numbers as you did, this gave a visual picture to the employers, media and general public of the level of your dissatisfaction.

You must be paid in line with your counterparts in England, we continue this fight with you until we achieve the desired outcome.



Did you know?

- That 2024 is the year of the LGBT+ Worker.
- Your branch intends to promote further your rights and equality issues.
- UNISON strengths lie in its recognition of the value and unique experiences of our LGBT+ members.
- We are committed to raising the profile of our LGBT+ members in the branch. We want to see more LGBT+ Stewards coming forward.

We will be running a number of events this year to celebrate with you!

NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

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



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](#)



Our Migrant Workers Family



Our Black and Migrant Workers group had a busy year in 2023 with information stalls, online seminars, and a conferences.

October 9th UNISON held an event, Black and Migrant Workers Mental Health: Removing the Stigma, it was held in Guildhall Derry, sponsored by Mayor Ms Patricia Logue, organised by our very own B&M Officer Beverly Simpson, Keynote addressed by Professor Siobhan O’Neill Mental Health Champion and chaired by Regional Secretary Patricia McKeown.

UNISON made significant progress on the issue of repayment clauses and highlighted the difficulties faced by members on sponsorship visas.

We are always keen to welcome new members! We have monthly online meetings and regular e-bulletins (please contact us if you don’t receive them!) as well as a Facebook page.

English classes: IELTS and OET / regional office every Thursday.
Immigration advice: phone helpline via UNISON Direct (0800 0 857 857) or monthly face-to-face immigration clinic in our regional office.

Regional Contact for all information and bookings: Nathalie Donnelly (n.donnelly@unison.co.uk / 07554466958)

Update Your Details

We would remind members UNISON requires your details to be current and updated. Have you changed your address, your place of work, your telephone number? Please contact the Membership Department on 028 90 270190 to update or follow the link: <https://www.unison-ni.org.uk/update-your-details>

Membership Services

UNISON Welfare – ‘There For You’

The Branch want to remind you to use this service which is FREE to all UNISON members and is there for you at times of difficulty and crisis. For full details please see UNISON’s website.

www.unison.org.uk/get-help/

Legal Advice

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

Quiltor Financial Advisor

Quiltor Financial Advisor can help you resolve financial issues whatever your circumstances or stage in life, or you can also receive pension advice from this service **08000 85 85 90**

Donations to Local Charities

Foyle UNISON branch committee members made the following donations to support local community groups and charities:

- Foyle Food Bank
- Kevin Bell Trust
- Derry City Women’s Football Club
- Kinship Care

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