



Craigavon Hospitals Branch AGM Newsletter 2022

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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 2022.

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. This year the AGMs will take place online due to Covid 19 restrictions

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

AGM Meeting Dates

**Thursday 3rd March 2022
10.30am, 12pm, 2pm & 7.30pm**

**Friday 4th March 2022
10.30am & 12pm**

Our AGM 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://bit.ly/3mXO9Ek>

2. Scan the QR code on a mobile or tablet

3. Access the Zoom website - <https://zoom.us/>.



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Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 857 9725 8088
Passcode AGM2022



UNISON NI will be launching a consultation with our members in the HSC over the coming weeks. Without an opportunity for collective bargaining denied by the Westminster Government on Agenda for Change Pay for NHS staff, all health unions were left with was a recommendation from the Pay Review Body of 3%.

This falls short of the UNISON claim of ONE Team 2K. No funding was released to support the payment of this recommendation and all parts of the NHS have had to find this money within their own resources. Our 2019 pay dispute re-established pay parity with England and our Health Minister has just announced payment of this 3%. UNISON has led the health unions pushing for an enhancement but have been told that any consideration of additional money would have to wait until the January Monitoring round and is not guaranteed to be anything substantial. UNISON's Head of Bargaining, Anne Speed, has clearly put on the record that the 3% does not meet our claim.

Our consultation over the coming weeks will not only seek to confirm our members views but will also seek to strengthen our mandate into the New Year to challenge - using legal industrial action - not only on pay but also on safe staffing and the crippling overspend on the use of agencies to plug holes in the health staff workforce.



Update Your Details

Check your membership status by checking your pay slip 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 membership services on 028 90270190 to update your details.

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Free School Meals For All

UNISON has established a Working Group comprised of reps from across health and education to take forward the development of a new campaign calling for universal free school meal provision for all children and young people.

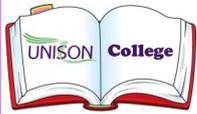
The campaign's objectives are:

- Seeking universal nutritious free school meals for all pupils to both reduce poverty and improve public health;
- To safeguard and promote the vital work of our members within schools catering. School meals services should be publicly provided;

In March 2021, UNISON NI launched the 'All We Need is Lunch' Art Competition as part of the wider Free School Meals campaign. Letters and materials were sent to every school and youth organisation in NI encouraging them to engage with children and young people on the issue of free schools meals, and asking them to support them to use the visual arts to explore what school meals means to them.



UNISON College



UNISON College has 550 Free E-learning courses available for UNISON members.

Check out the full list of courses here:
<https://bit.ly/3IsN1BB>

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

The Craigavon Branch Stewards and Officers wish all our members a very Healthy and Prosperous 2022 New Year. We would like to say thank you to all our members, who have given so much during the ongoing COVID Pandemic, as you continue to work over and above expectations, against the backdrop of ever-changing working conditions and the demands of COVID, PPE guidelines and social distancing. Your union reps continue to work harder than ever on your behalf. We will continue to protect our NHS services and negotiate to secure a decent pay rise for all leaving no-one behind and also to ensure your safety, health and well-being.



Branch News

This year has been a busy year for the Branch challenging privatisation, unsafe staffing, job relocations and protecting services.

We have continued to campaign across the public service for the implementation of the statutory duty on equality - workers' rights, attempts to bypass direct engagement with us, and failure to produce equality and human rights impact assessments. The branch have been negotiating on key health & safety issues such as risk assessments, effective guidance, the use of PPE and Covid testing.

World Menopause Day

Southern area women's committee campaigning for equality in the workplace on world menopause day October 2021



Delivering cakes to members celebrating the NHS Birthday



UNISON members enjoying the free ice cream & slush puppies supplied by UNISON

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