

UNISON 2025 AGM NEWSLETTER

UNISON Northern Health Branch

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 2025

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. Some of this year's AGMs will take place online and in the workplace

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 by contacting us directly through email at:

northernhealthunison@gmail.com



Branch Awards 2025

This year our branch ran their first "UNISON Northern Health Woman of the year" award. This was in memory of our dear friend and comrade **Marjorie Trimble**. Marjorie was one of the founding members of UNISON Northern Health Branch. Marjorie was a champion to our members throughout her career, standing up for our members rights. Marjorie was a Branch Secretary, TUS chairperson, senior member of the Women's Committee & Regional Committee, but most importantly made a significant contribution to the Peace Process in Northern Ireland. A remarkable women's whose legacy will live on through her branch and her Northern Health women's committee. Marjorie would be so proud of this award.

Our award went to Ward Clerk **Sarah Joyce** from DAU, her nursing colleague Janet Carson nominated her. A heartfelt warming commendation from her colleagues.

Marjorie's award will re-open in 2025. Please keep an eye on our social media page for further details later in the year regarding the award.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Women's Committee
Are you passionate about women's rights, empowering women to challenge inequality.
Can you help with building confidence and self-esteem at the Marjorie Trimble's Women's Committee. We provide support, a positive approach where we can share ideas, solve problems, and create a network to build for a better future for women.

If so send an email to ***northernhealthunison@gmail.com***



Industrial Action

What a year 2024 was for all of us.

You showed utter determination to secure your right for pay parity.

You took to the picket lines for nearly 18 months.

UNISON would never ask you our members to take industrial action lightly **BUT**, when the call goes out our members deliver.

Together we brought our Government back to the negotiation table.

Thank you all for your participation.

When we **STAND TOGETHER** look what we can achieve.



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Working for and with our Black and Migrant Workers

- This year in particular the branch stepped up to support our members who faced bigotry and abuse.
- Civil unrest in July saw us work in partnership with the Trust to ensure our nurses were re-homed,
- We worked with the ethnic diversity group, human resources, occupational health and corporately
- We took to the streets and demonstrated supporting our members, we made public statements
- Condemning the treatment of health workers and all black and migrant workers.
- We will continue as a union to work for an equality based Programme for Government.

BECOME A UNISON REP



- Challenge workplace issues
- Make your voice heard
- Offer advice and support

For more info go to www.unison-ni.org.uk/rep

LGBTQ+

2024 was the year of the LGBTQ+ worker and throughout the year UNISON Northern Health Branch has continued to support our LGBTQ+ members in workplaces and communities.

On 19th July as part of Belfast Pride Festival Week some of our Branch activists in partnership with staff from the Trust's Equality unit provided a stall in AAH. Members were given lots of information and freebies such as pens and condoms and also enjoyed the lovely Dougie's Goodies cake.

As always UNISON participated in many of the Pride Festivals throughout the province and it is great news to hear that several more Borough Councils are hoping to hold Pride events in the future. On 8th August the Northern Trust's Inclusion Team arranged a movie night at the Ecos Centre in Ballymena screening the movie 'PRIDE' for Trust staff and their family/friends and the Branch sponsored the refreshments at this event.

There was excellent feedback from those who attended and we hope to work in partnership with the Trust to hold more of these events in the future. Many of our Branch activists have joined the HSC LGBTQ+ Staff Forum which issues a monthly newsletter full of information on activities and events and we would encourage members to join this Forum.

SKILL UP with UNISON College

With 700+ course topics for members each year, from in-person accredited learning to virtual CPD modules through the Skills Academy and Nursing Times CPD Zone, all fully funded for UNISON members.

We also offer learning grants including funded places on K102 Open University modules. Sessions can be booked by emailing educationni@unison.co.uk You can access our education grants, eLearning modules and application forms and pre-recorded lectures via <https://www.unison-ni.org.uk/edu>

PHYSICAL AGM MEETING DATE

Outside Antrim Area Hospital Canteen,
25th March 2025

at:
10.00 am

Come along and get your free breakfast
bap and chat to our representatives!



AGM MEETING DATES ONLINE ZOOM

Online AGM meeting:
25th March 2025 at:

1pm
3pm
7pm



You can also join the online
meeting zoom AGM, with the QR
code below:

Zoom Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3vtsrcmj>

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