



NEWRY & MOURNE 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

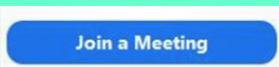


Tuesday 8th February 2022
@ 12.30pm & 7.30 pm
Wednesday 9th February 2022
@ 2.30 p.m.

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/31sHKst>
2. Join via the Zoom app (free to download)
3. Access the Zoom website - <https://zoom.us/>.



Meeting ID: 839 3781 5168
Passcode AGM2022



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The UNISON One Team 2k campaign is calling for a pay rise for all health and social care workers of £2,000 for everyone. It is fair, reasonable, simple and could be implemented quickly.

We demand that all Northern Ireland MPs and MLAs support the campaign for a meaningful pay rise as the least they can do to recognise the dedication shown by all health and social care workers during Covid-19.

UNISON Health and Social care members held a #OneTeam2k demonstration at Stormont on Thursday 30th September calling on politicians to support our campaign for a £2,000 pay rise.

Now more than ever, workers need our devolved government to show they are really valued. Politicians from all parties need to come together to secure full funding for a decent pay rise for our health and social care workers.



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.

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>

NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

Call Membership on 028 9027 0190 or join online <https://join.unison.org.uk>



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.



Covid 19

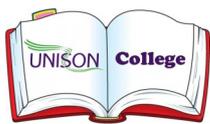
UNISON Newry & Mourne would like to thank all our members for their continued support in the care of patients/clients during this very difficult time.

UNISON Newry & Mourne recognise the strain that members are working under and have been distributing some "Freebies" to show our appreciation.

Families and friends of patients/clients within the Newry & Mourne area recognise and appreciate the support and in some cases the comfort regularly provided by our members.

Once again thank you and remember please Stay Safe.

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/3wvWrGT>

A New Year Message

The Newry & Mourne Branch Stewards and Officers wish all our members a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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 has been negotiating on key health & safety issues such as risk assessments, effective guidance, the use of PPE and Covid testing.

International Nurses Day

Newry & Mourne Branch decided to celebrate Nurses Day by delivering lunch bag packs to members throughout the Newry & Mourne area. Rachel Killen, Branch Official was very busy delivering the lunch bags and meeting the members. A special thanks to Asda, Kilkeel who donated 200 drinks for this event.

World Menopause Day

After many months of being unable to hold live events locally, Newry & Mourne Branch held a very successful Menopause Day stall in the Dining Room at Daisy Hill Hospital on 15th October 2021

It was great to speak face to face with members (Covid 19 Restrictions permitting) and hear the views of our members.

It is hoped that during the incoming year the number of local events will increase and you will be able to see your local UNISON representatives at these events.



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