

UNISON

Coleraine & Magee ULSTER UNIVERSITY 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*

Thursday 21st March @ 10 am

Coleraine Campus Room

&

Friday 22nd March @ 9.30 am

Magee Campus Room

*It will be 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.*

Members Christmas Draw

Your UNISON branch again held two successful Christmas draws in both the Coleraine and Magee campuses which were much welcomed by the membership.

UNISON Coleraine & Magee Branch Committee would like to the opportunity to wish all our members a Happy & Healthy New Year!

NOONAN & COMPASS MEMBERS

After securing the Real Living Wage for our members in 2022, your union, UNISON, has again secured the new Real Living Wage of £12 per hour for our lowest paid members employed by the two private contractors. This is a pay rise of 10% and the differentials for supervisors and team leaders were upheld. Coming into effect on 1st December 2023, it involved UNISON negotiating again with the Ulster University who, as a University signed up to the Real Living Wage Foundation, agreed to provide the funding to the two contractors to implement the pay rise.

The facilities service contract, (cleaning, portering and security), is due to go out for tender again in December 2023 with the tender result to be announced in January/February 2024. The two University branch officers with the Regional Organiser have written to 36 NI MLA's and MP's seeking support for our in house campaign. More information about this will be discussed at the AGM meetings. We have also continued to represent members at both grievance and disciplinary hearings.

Directly Employed University Members

UNISON continues to attend a number of meetings throughout the year with the UU Management including meetings with UCU and UNITE and the Joint Negotiating body. We also continue to represent our members at both grievance and disciplinary hearings on issues such as pay, terms and conditions.

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NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

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

BECOME A UNISON REP

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

Interested in becoming a rep?

To get more information and register your interest go to:
www.unison-ni.org.uk/get-active-become-rep



UNISON call for local reps

UNISON Coleraine and Magee Branch would like to encourage any of its members to become a **Steward or Health and Safety Rep** on behalf of their members in the workplace. We especially want to bring on board, reps from the Magee

Health and Safety

UNISON will strive to keep Health and Safety at the top of every agenda and at the forefront of everyone's minds. If you are interested in becoming a health & safety or workplace rep, please contact a branch officer or steward.

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. Changed your name, moved house or have a new number? Do we have your email address? If not you are missing out on important updates and info.

SCAN ME



UNISON – Your Friend at Work

If you get called to a disciplinary, your employer will send you a letter saying that you are entitled to bring your union representative. But if you don't have one... it will be too late.



Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and information: [Unison Northern-Ireland](https://www.facebook.com/unison-ni)

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. There is also a Covid-19 Fund. For full details please see UNISON's website.

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

Legal Advice

Thompsons NI our specialist employment solicitors. For free legal advice and support contact 0800 0857 857

Quilter Financial Advisors

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



College offer 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 training can be found **by scanning this QR code**



Occupational Therapy Students

As Occupational Therapy students you are members of UNISON. This gives you access to our services and also we would encourage you to access the education programme as above.