



Health Agencies Branch AGM Newsletter 2023

AGM 2023

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 2023.

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.

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UNISON Health Workers Are Speaking Out and Stepping Out

Recently UNISON NI has announced that thousands of its members have voted to strike and take action short of strike. Our Head of Bargaining, Anne Speed, has said that of the thousands who voted in November more than 97% have voted to take action and action short of strike. We have now organised Action Short of strike beginning on 5th December and a strike day of Monday 12th December. Politicians and employers should now be concerned with putting NHS pay right. Our members know that staff are exiting the services and without urgent movement on pay, many more will follow suit. Health services are in a dire state with too few staff to deliver safe patient care. That's why our NHS members have voted to strike over pay and staffing. We need a wage rise that better reflects the harsh economic reality for working people. Our politicians in N Ireland should be ensuring that funding and resources are delivered. The Executive should be restored and mechanisms in place to make this happen. The cost of living crisis is imposing additional burdens on an overstretched and undervalued workforce. Employers must not stay silent—workers do not easily take to the picket lines but they have no choice.

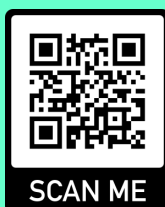
AGM Meeting Dates

16th February @ 7pm
17th February @ 10am & 1pm

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/3iLHMVb>
2. Scan the QR code
3. Access the Zoom website <https://zoom.us/>.



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Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 863 8648 1468
Passcode: AGM2023



For branch news follow our Facebook Page.
Search: **Unison Health Agencies**

Health Agencies Branch supporting our members

Over the past year the branch has:

- Raised and resolved numerous health and safety issues
- Attended health and safety meetings with the employer
- Raised issues around the working from home policy and achieved changes to it.
- Attended Joint Negotiating Forum with BSO and ALBs
- Represented members at grievance and disciplinary hearings
- Held virtual members meetings.

NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

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

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**

Lighthouse Financial advice

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

Update Your Details

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 information.

You can update your details using our online form by scanning the QR code below or by emailing:

NI-RMSTeam@unison.co.uk

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 membership services on: 028 90 270190.

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COULD YOU STAND UP FOR WORK COLLEAGUES?
GET ELECTED BECOME A STEWARD

Free School Meals For All



Free School Meals for All: The free school meals working group, established by Regional Committee, has continued to take forward our campaign calling for universal free school meal provision for all children and young people.

The campaign objectives are:

- to seek universal, nutritious, free schools 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;
- as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, to build support for the implementation of a public health model across Government that is aimed at dealing with health and educational inequalities that have been exacerbated during the pandemic.



UNISON 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 lectures can be found [here](#)

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