

Omagh & Fermanagh Branch AGM Newsletter 2024

Omagh & Fermanagh Health Branch AGM 2024

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

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.

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

Fermanagh Side

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Boardroom, level 2, SWAH

10am , 1.30pm and 3.30pm

Admin Room Level 2 (L017)

6pm

Omagh Side

Thursday 28th March 2024

Boardroom, OH&PCC

10am, 3.30pm & 6pm

Old School Canteen/Coffee lounge ,T&F

1.30pm

Refreshments will be available at each session.

Merchandise and entry into a free draw for all those who attend and sign in (you must be present at the meeting to qualify)



On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of September during a period of 48 hours ambulance crews, nurses, health care assistants, pharmacists, radiographers, porters, admin and technical staff, cleaners and catering staff took strike action. Payroll staff took action for a shorter period to ensure their co-workers received their pay on time - a decision highly commended by their union colleagues.

UNISON members in the health service are fed up with the current impasse in their just pursuit of pay parity. They have decided not to remain silent as politicians dither and delay a resolution of their political differences. They have resolved to continue demanding that the Secretary of State use his powers of economic governance to include funding for the restoration of pay parity.

NHS workers in England and Wales had their pay uplift from April this year.

Why should health staff in Northern Ireland have to wait? No amount of finger pointing at local politicians justifies this appalling situation.

UNISON members have no intention of staying silent or just putting up with it!



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 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>



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

UNISON has successfully got our Band 2 homecare/ re-enablement members job evaluated to Band 3.

This will take some time to be processed and we will also now begin the fight to have it backdated. Many thanks to our AOs Danielle McCusker and Marianne Buick and our ROs for their perseverance.

We continue to campaign against the closure of the emergency surgery provision in the SWAH and meet with the Trust on a regular basis.

Our Nursing rep Helen has secured alternative arrangements with the Trust for staff who need to complete mandatory training etc. and do not have Trust email access.



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 by scanning the QR code.

Membership Services

UNISON Welfare – 'There For You'

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

Thompsons NI our specialist employment solicitors. For free legal advice and support on non employment matters, contact 08000 857 857.

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE



The Omagh & Fermanagh Branch Stewards and Officers wish all our members a very Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We would like to say thank you to all our members, who continue to work over and above expectations, against the backdrop of ever-changing working conditions .

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

Branch News

This year has been a busy year for the Branch. Our members' issues have been addressed. As well as giving advice over the phone we also arrange to meet our members face to face. We have continued to support staff at attendance meetings, disciplinaries and grievances and ask that you continue to contact the offices on the below numbers to ensure availability of a rep. We have supported members with their Job Evaluations. We ensure that our members views are represented at Trust meetings.

We continue to raise Health and Safety issues on behalf of our members with the Trust. We have marked and celebrated many International Days e.g. International Women's Day, International Nurses Day, International Workers Memorial day and especially the **NHS 75th** birthday providing ice-cream, cake, cupcakes and other merchandise at these events. We also hold draws through the year so make sure we have your up-to-date contact details. **We also attended a peace rally in Omagh.**



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***It is important to leave a message and contact number.
We WILL get back to you!***