

UNISON 2025 AGM NEWSLETTER

GREENPARK BRANCH

Greenpark Branch AGM 2025

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.

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.

Pay Campaign

The UNISON NI Health Committee met in emergency session in mid November to receive the update on our pay parity campaign. Despite discussion at the Northern Ireland Executive, the logjam of the inadequate Department of Health funding to honour a full year of pay parity remained.

UNISON's goal is to achieve and retain pay parity from April 2024 and we will pursue this on behalf of our health workers.

UNISON met with the Minister for Health on 27th November, further meetings will be held in December to see if the money for the backpay for four months can be found.

When a formal pay offer is made we will consult with our members.

AGM MEETING DATES 2025

28th February 2025
Musgrave Park Hospital

Mitre Room
10am

Mitre Shop
7pm

Light refreshments will be provided
Anyone who attends will be entered
for a free prize draw.



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Our UNISON 'Free School Meals for All' campaign is a further important intervention aimed at reducing poverty for our members and their families.

We are increasingly concerned by the lack of visible progress on an Anti-Poverty Strategy. Despite the Executive having been restored in February, a draft Anti-Poverty Strategy has yet to be published, consulted upon and adopted.

UNISON has continued to work alongside our allies across civic society to press for an Anti-Poverty Strategy to be put in place without further delay, including through the launch of the report of the seminar held at Stormont in June 2023 on development of the Anti-Poverty Strategy that we reported on last year. UNISON was part of a delegation that gave evidence to the Committee for Communities at the NI Assembly in April regarding the urgent need for an Anti-Poverty Strategy.

As a result of our campaign, the Education Minister recently launched a consultation on options for free school meals. UNISON will be submitting a response to the consultation.

The consultation closes on 14th February.



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Membership services



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BRANCH NEWS

2024 has been a busy year for the Greenpark branch. Our membership continues to grow as does our branch committee. We have successfully managed industrial action and processed strike pay. We have represented our members achieving many positive outcomes. We have supported members and challenged the BHSC on management of change proposals and processes. We successfully negotiated the changed job process for various workers and had a number of occupations uplifted using our AFC Pay Max strategy.

We worked alongside the BHSC to provide support to our black & migrant worker members during difficult times, numerous anti racism events were held. We marked days that are relevant to our membership such as Pride, International Women's Day, International Nurses Day and World Menopause Day by organising celebrations. We have attended many demonstrations, rallies and protests to highlight issues that are important to our members including an end to gender based violence, international solidarity demonstrations and pay parity protests. We will continue to organise, campaigns and bring about positive change in 2025. If you would like to get involved in UNISON and join us in our activity please get in touch via the contact details below.



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