



Health Agencies Branch AGM Newsletter 2021

AGM 2021

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 2021.

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

**18th March 2021
6.30pm
25th March 2021
7.30pm**

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/39Ot47M>
2. Join via the Zoom app (free to download)
3. Access the Zoom website - <https://zoom.us/>.

Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 850 2443 2524
Passcode: AGM2021



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Health Agencies Branch supporting our members

Over the past year the branch has:

- Taken part in industrial action on picket lines
- Raised and resolved numerous health and safety issues related to Covid-19
- Attended health and safety meetings with the employer
- Raised issues around working times and rotas
- Attended Joint Negotiating Forum with employers
- Held virtual members meetings
- Represented members at grievance and disciplinary hearings

Well done to our members for achieving pay parity the hard way

Industrial action commenced in November 2019 and proved highly successful in restoring pay parity with NHS England and securing the remaining two years of Agenda for Change pay uplift. Our campaign was devised to apply maximum pressure on the capacity of management in Trusts and Arms Length bodies to manage the service. Our branch and our members devised strategically effective forms of industrial action over a 9 week period.

Negotiations to restore pay parity were underway and on 15 January 2020 a framework agreement was proposed. An extensive ballot of all health unions secured acceptance from HSC staff. UNISON members played the leading role in achieving a successful outcome. Indeed it can be said that we have secured a place in history as it is generally accepted that our dispute was the catalyst in restoring devolved government.

**Latest Covid-19 Advice
Public Health Agency:**
www.pha.site/coronavirus

Occupational Health Helpline: 028 9063 0010

NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

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



A New Year Message

The Health Agencies Branch Stewards and Officers wish all our members a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021 New Year.

Covid 19

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

Families and Friends of patients/clients and donors within the area recognise and appreciate the support and in some cases the comfort regularly provided by our members.

We send our sincere condolences to those who have suffered loss throughout the pandemic.

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:

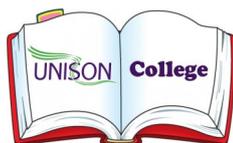
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Check your membership status by checking your payslip for deductions or your bank for direct debit. If this is not up to date, then you may NOT be a UNISON member. Please contact membership services on:
028 90270190.



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/2KzKJXA>

NHS Pay Rise - 2 Days for 2K

UNISON, the biggest union in the NHS is calling for an immediate pay rise of at least £2,000 a year for all NHS health and social care workers, who are still in the frontline of the fight against COVID.

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;
- As a response to Covid-19 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.

We have started a petition calling on the NI Executive to provide universal free school meals. Further actions will follow during the year. Link to the online petition is here
<http://chnq.it/ycDBDYHJ>

We Want You!

We need to grow to support you and we are seeking likeminded individuals who believe they could help their colleagues. Are you kind, compassionate and fair-minded? If so we need you! Full training and all details can be explained by attending your AGM or calling one of the branch officers listed in this newsletter. You will receive extensive training, support and ongoing mentorship with a Branch Development officer.

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