

UNISON 2026 AGM NEWSLETTER

MATER HOSPITAL BRANCH

Mater Branch AGM 2026

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 2026.

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. This year the AGMs will take place online and in the workplace.

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 2026

Tuesday 3rd March
10am, 2pm & 6pm
Health Education Room

All members who attend will be entered for a free prize draw

New members can join on the day and will also be entered



The UNISON NI Health Committee welcome the announcement from the Department of Health that pay parity has been achieved. A

3.6% consolidated pay uplift has been confirmed for Agenda for Change staff, backdated to 1st April 2025 and paid in Feb 2026 pay. As a result UNISON NI will pause

its planned industrial action ballot, but stresses that low pay remains a serious issue. We will now press the DOH and the

Assembly to work towards the implementation of the real living wage across the health sector including the independent sector in 2026. We will also

continue to campaign for earlier guaranteed pay settlements in future to ensure our members are no longer a year behind in any future pay award.



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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. The Free School Meals Campaign has continued with the restoration of the Executive and Assembly. We are demanding 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 should be publicly provided,
- to build support for the implementation of a public health model across Government that is aimed at dealing with health and educational inequalities.



Check out the full list of UNISON College courses at this URL:
<https://shorturl.at/KocGt>

Membership services



Members experiencing financial and emotional difficulties can contact UNISON Welfare (There for You), which provides confidential advice and support services for members and their dependants.

<https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you/>



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BRANCH NEWS

2025 has been a busy year for the Mater branch. Our membership continues to grow along with our branch committee. We have represented our members achieving many positive outcomes. We have supported members and challenged the BHSCT on pay, management of change proposals, processes and redeployment issues. We successfully negotiated the changed job process for various workers and had a number of occupations uplifted using our Pay Max and Pay Fair for Patient Care Campaigns. We have supported our members financially through our UNISON There for You charity. Our members have benefited from our UNISON education & training programme, including the K102 and the OU nursing degree.

We worked alongside the BHSCT to provide support to our black & migrant worker members during difficult times. We celebrated days that are important to our membership such as Pride, International Women's Day, International Nurses Day and World Menopause Day. 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 and anti-poverty strategy protests. We will continue to organise, campaigns and bring about positive change in 2026 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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