



Newry & Mourne Hospitals Branch AGM Newsletter 2024

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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

**Dromalane House
Tuesday 6th February 2024
at 10.30 am in The Training Suite
Dromalane House.**

**Kilmorey Arms Hotel, Kilkeel
Tuesday 6th February 2024
at 2.30 pm.**

**Boardroom, Bernish House,
Daisy Hill Hospital,
Tuesday 13th February 2024
at 12.30 pm and 6.00 pm**



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 have their pay uplift since 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 pay slip 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>



The UNISON Free School meals 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 offers 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](#)



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 0800 0857 857.

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE



The Newry & Mourne 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 behind and also to ensure your safety, health and well-being.

Branch News

UNISON has been successful in moving agency workers in support services to Trust permanent contracts over the last year and will continue to secure these contracts.

UNISON was the only union which addressed the Southern Trust Board in June 2023 following the Trust decision to reduce services in DHH.

All three UNISON Southern Trust branches, attended the huge rally in Newry to ‘Save Daisy Hill’ at the end of July. Extensive meetings with the Trust CEO and senior management have taken place regarding the reduction of services.

World Menopause Day

Southern area women’s committee campaigned for equality in the workplace on world menopause day.

NHS 75th Birthday

Newry & Mourne Branch celebrated the NHS ‘s 75th Birthday by providing Staff with free ice-creams.



Cross-Community Event

Members of the Newry & Mourne Branch attended a cross-community event held in Whitegates Community Centre which was arranged by Siju George who is a Branch Shop Steward.



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