

ORCHARD AGM NEWSLETTER 2021

A New Year Message



The Orchard Branch Stewards and Officers wish all our members a very Healthy and Prosperous 2021 New Year. We would like to say thank you to all our members, who have given so much during the ongoing COVID Pandemic, as you continue to work over and above expectations, against the backdrop of ever-changing working conditions and the demands of COVID, PPE guidelines and social distancing. 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. For regular updates follow our Facebook page Orchard Branch UNISON Northern Ireland, TWITTER @NiOrchard.

Annual General Meeting 2021

It's about You, Your Branch, Your Say and Your Vote

Our Branch AGM is the most important meeting of the year. It is your chance to have your say and get involved.

- Elect your representatives for another year
- Have your say in important work matters
- Hear what has been happening in the branch
- Find out how you can become more involved

**Wednesday 3rd March
10am, 1.30pm & 6pm**

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/37e7bgL>
2. Join via the Zoom app (free to download)
3. Access the Zoom website - <https://zoom.us/>.

Join a Meeting

**Meeting ID: 853 8372 0505
Passcode AGM2021**

UNISON demanding a pay rise for all.

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

Orchard Branch UNISON members supported the One Team 2k Campaign calling for a pay rise of at least £2,000 for all NHS staff.

Orchard Branch Unison Northern Ireland
#OneTeam2k



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If your call is missed leave a voicemail including name, contact number and the issue, a union officer will call back asap.



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.

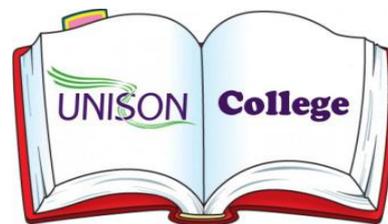
The campaign's objectives are:

- 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 before the New Year. Link to the online petition is here <http://chnq.it/ycDBDYHJ>

2020/21 Campaigns

#staysafe #oneteamNHS



UNISON offers a wide range of free courses for members and reps to support you in your professional, personal and community life.

Find out more at:

<https://www.unison-ni.org.uk/education-and-training>

Your UNISON Orchard Branch Education Officer is Aisling Slim



Are you suffering financially as a result of Coronavirus? From 16th November you can apply for a grant to help you during this difficult time. You will be able to check if you are eligible and apply online at <https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/>



Your UNISON Orchard Branch Welfare Officer is Blaine McCarthy- Pictured above making a donation to a local group during the first lockdown.

NEW STEWARDS

Orchard Branch would like to introduce our new steward Amy McCarthy.

“Do you believe in standing up for what is right? Do you think equality and fairness is something to value? Do you feel you could support someone who is being bullied or unfairly treated? If so, have you considered joining your branch committee? Come join us! Help make a real difference today.

NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!
Call Membership on 028 9027 0190 or join online <https://join.unison.org.uk>