

Ulster Community Hospitals Branch AGM Newsletter 2024

UCHT Branch AGM 2024

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. This year the AGMs will be a mix of online and in person meetings to make them more accessible to all members.

AGM Meeting Dates

12th March 2pm
Woodlands Boardroom (Woodlands staff only)

12th March Zoom 7pm

13th March Zoom 2.30pm

14th March 10am Ulster Hospital Lecture Theatre

14th March 1pm Ards QIIC Centre

14th March Zoom 2.30pm

14th March 9pm Ulster Hospital Lecture Theatre

Our AGM will be held via the Zoom online platform as well as in person. 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://rb.gy/4j53p5> to register
2. Scan the QR code below on a mobile or tablet
3. Access the Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/>.

Meeting ID: 826 9883 6252
Passcode: AGM2024

When you register ignore the times on the email just log on at your preferred time above.



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Industrial Action News

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 had 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.



Some of our members out on the picket lines!

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Branch News

The Branch over this past year has been extremely busy. Particularly with our Industrial Action and action short of strike over the lack of a pay offer for health staff in NI. We negotiated around derogations for critical services to ensure safe cover for certain areas with good outcomes for our members. We have successfully brought South Eastern Trust to the table in regards to fixing the issue of 13.9 & 14.4 with a further update to come in December. The branch wishes to thank every member who has supported the Industrial Action and ASOS. We as a branch are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with you the members. The fight still continues we will not be treated as fourth-class citizens.

Even though we are in a period of industrial action we have continued with negotiations and meetings where there would be a positive outcome for members. There has been several Health and Safety issues where reps have been in negotiations with Risk Assessments and guidance on effective resolutions.

We continue to work on the Pay Max strategy on Agenda for Change. We have successfully had hundreds of members re-banded across the South Eastern Trust including Estates, ICT trainers and Security. We continue to work with other occupations using the AFC job evaluation process.

The branch also successfully gained recognition with Camphill Community Glencraig. The branch has welcomed two new reps from Camphill on to the committee and we look forward to working with the reps and members in the future.



The branch participated in Pride week and held an information and awareness stall in the Ulster Hospital canteen



UNISON College offer 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 using the QR code on the **left** or, for digital readers, by clicking [here](#).

Membership Services

UNISON Welfare – ‘There For You’

The Branch want to remind you to 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

Thompson’s NI our specialist employment solicitors. For free legal advice and support on Personal injury and non-employment matters, contact: **0800 0857 857**

Quilter Financial advice

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Update Your Details

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 to update your details.

Changed your name, moved house or have a new number? You can update your details using our online form. Scan the QR code on the <https://www.unison-ni.org.uk/update-your-details>

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