

UNISON

UCHT BRANCH AGM Newsletter 2022

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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 2022.

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 due to Covid 19 restrictions

We Need More Reps!

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. Full training and support will be provided.

AGM Meeting Dates

Monday 7th March 10am & 12.30pm

Tuesday 8th March 1pm & 7pm

Thursday 10th March 10am & 2.30pm

Friday 11th March 2.30pm & 7pm

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/3JFgEQB>
2. Scan the QR code on a mobile or tablet
3. Access the Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/>.



Join a Meeting

Meeting ID: 872 1404 6622
Passcode AGM2022



The UNISON One Team 2k campaign is calling for a pay rise for all health and social care workers of £2,000 for everyone. It is fair, reasonable, simple and could be implemented quickly.

We demand that all Northern Ireland MPs and MLAs support the campaign for a meaningful pay rise as the least they can do to recognise the dedication shown by all health and social care workers during Covid-19.

UNISON Health and Social care members held a #OneTeam2k demonstration at Stormont on Thursday 30th September calling on politicians to support our campaign for a £2,000 pay rise.

Following a report back from recent meetings with the Health Minister and Department of Health Workforce Directorate officials, UNISON's Health Service Group Committee decided to consult members on industrial action. On Monday 6th December we launched a consultation with our members in the HSC.

UNISON's Head of Bargaining Anne Speed clearly put on the record that that 3% does not meet our claim for year 2021/2022 and that members would reject that they should be satisfied with this outcome.

Our consultation will not only seek to confirm our members views but will also seek to strengthen our mandate into the New Year to challenge - using legal industrial action - not only on pay but also on safe staffing and the crippling overspend on the use of agencies to plug the holes in the health staff workforce.

The consultation will close on January 14th at 4pm



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>

NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

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Branch News

This year has been a busy year for the Branch challenging privatisation, unsafe staffing, job relocations and protecting services.

We have continued to campaign across the public service for the implementation of the statutory duty on equality - workers' rights, attempts to bypass direct engagement with us, and failure to produce equality and human rights impact assessments. The branch has been negotiating on key health & safety issues such as risk assessments, effective guidance, the use of PPE and Covid testing.

The branch continue to work on UNISON'S Pay max campaign across the branch and have active Job Evaluations in for several occupational groups. On negotiations, the branch continue to play a key role on behalf of our members, at a local, regional and national level. Your reps are currently in negotiations on several key issues on terms and conditions and we will update members accordingly as and when these develop further.

These are placed around our branch priorities of permanent secure, well paid employment. They include moving agency staff and workforce appeal staff to permanent Trust contracts. We are also involved in negotiations on workplace policy, terms and conditions and health and well being initiatives.

International Nurses Day and NHS Birthday Celebrations

UCHT branch celebrated Nurses Day by holding stalls with freebies and cupcakes. As we couldn't get round all workplaces we held draws for luxury hampers for the membership.

We also delivered ice creams to hundreds of our members over the course of the NHS birthday week. Just as a token of our thanks for all the hard work our members do.



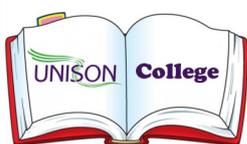
Covid 19

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

We recognise the strain that members are working under and have been distributing some "Freebies" to show our appreciation.

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

Once again thank you and remember please Stay Safe.



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/3eMA1IF>



Free School Meals 4 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;

In March 2021, UNISON NI launched the 'All We Need is Lunch' Art Competition as part of the wider Free School Meals campaign. Letters and materials were sent to every school and youth organisation in NI encouraging them to engage with children and young people on the issue of free schools meals, and asking them to support them to use the visual arts to explore what school meals means to them. It was a huge success with nearly 2000 entries. We now have a mountain of material from the entries to continue our campaign.

Branch Communications

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