

UNISON

ULSTER UNIVERSITY JORDANSTOWN BRANCH 2024 AGM NEWSLETTER

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IT'S ABOUT YOU, 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.

The AGM will be held on:

**7th March 2024 @ 9.00am
in Room BD 03-17**

It will be 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.

Members' Christmas Draw

Your UNISON branch again held a successful Christmas breakfast and Christmas prize draw which were much welcomed by the membership.

Bidvest Noonan and Compass Members

After securing the Real Living Wage for our members in 2022, your union, UNISON, has again secured the new Real Living Wage of £12 per hour for our lowest paid members employed by the two private contractors. This is a pay rise of 10% and the differentials for supervisors and team leaders were upheld. Coming into effect on 1st December 2023, it involved UNISON negotiating again with the Ulster University who, as a University signed up to the Real Living Wage Foundation, agreed to again provide the funding to the two contractors to implement the pay rise.

The facilities service contract, (cleaning, portering and security), is due to out for tender again in December 2023 with the tender result to be announced in January/February 2024. The two University branch officers, along with the Regional Organiser, have written to 36 NI MLA's and MP's seeking support for our in-house campaign. More information about this will be discussed at the AGM meetings. We have also continued to represent members at both grievance and disciplinary hearings.

Directly Employed University Members

UNISON continued to attend a number of meetings throughout the year with the UU Management including meetings with UCU and UNITE and the Joint Negotiating body. We also continue to represent our members at both grievance and disciplinary hearings on issues such as pay, terms and conditions.

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NOT YET A UNISON MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!

Call Membership on 028 90270190 or Join Online <https://join.unison.org.uk/>

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. We especially need reps who are directly employed by the University or by Compass.

A recruitment poster for UNISON Northern Ireland. The top half has a purple background with the word 'UNISON' in large white letters. Below it, 'UNISON MEMBERS' is written in white on a green background. Two speech bubbles contain the questions: 'DO YOU BELIEVE IN JUSTICE FOR WORKERS?' and 'COULD YOU STAND UP FOR WORK COLLEAGUES?'. At the bottom, a woman in a purple UNISON shirt points forward. The text 'GET ELECTED BECOME A STEWARD' is written in large white letters on a green background.

Health and Safety

UNISON will strive to keep Health and Safety at the top of every agenda and at the forefront of everyone's minds. If you are interested in becoming a health & safety or workplace rep, please contact a branch officer or steward.

Update Your Details

Changed your name, moved house or have a new number? Do we have your email address? If not you are missing out on important updates and information.

You can update your details by emailing:
NI-RMSTeam@unison.co.uk

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 the Membership department on: 028 9027 0190.



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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

Thompsons NI are our specialist employment solicitors. For free legal advice and support contact **0800 0857 857**.

Free Financial Advice

Quilter Financial Advice can help you resolve financial issues whatever your circumstances or stage in life, Tel: **08000 85 85 90**.

Occupational Therapy Students

As Occupational Therapy students you are members of UNISON. This gives you access to our services and also we would encourage you to access the education programme below.



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](#)



Free School Meals For All

Free School Meals for All: The free school meals working group, established by Regional Committee, has continued to take forward our campaign calling for universal free school meal provision for all children and young people. The campaign has obviously been stalled by the lack of a sitting executive.