

UNISON NI WELFARE NEWS

March 2018

The Regional Welfare Committee would like to extend an invitation to all newly elected Branch Welfare Officers to join the committee in order to share good practice and receive important updates:

Future meetings:
Monday 23 July
Monday 26 November

(All meetings take place in Galway House starting at 10.30am and finishing with lunch at 12.30pm)

Branch Welfare Officer Training 2018

The Education Department will organise a one day training course for the end of May – information will be circulated to all branches in due course.

UNISON There for You AGM The Brighton Centre



Tuesday 19th June 2018
12.45p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Winter Fuel Grant Scheme

The Welfare Committee is pleased to advise that the scheme paid out a total of £24,240 across the union with **£2,640** paid to N Ireland members. The total number of applications received was 876 compared with 811 in 2017 – an increase of 8%.

The high response and subsequent payment to UNISON NI members has been achieved through the combined effort of the Welfare Committee/Welfare Officers/branches and organising staff so a big thank you to all involved!!

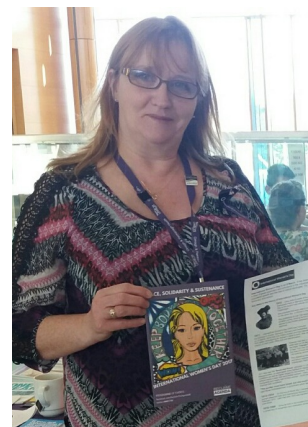
**Regional Welfare
Committee/Women's
Committee**



Committee members are joining together on 29th March in Galway House to attend a talk and presentation from the Rowan Sexual Assault Referral Centre, in Antrim.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

To Regional Welfare Committee members *Angela Boorman* and *Debbie Coyle* on their respective gold and silver organising awards – 2 very worthy recipients.



**RECENT NI WELFARE
SUCCESSES**

Members in Causeway and Northern health branches were awarded the following:
(living costs payments to 5 members (£240; £240; £260; £300; £400;)) 3 members also received £500 towards rent arrears; £400 funeral cost payment; £127 accident benefit.

Members in Omagh/Fermanagh branch awarded £268 towards rent arrears; £240 living costs; cost of tv licence.

A big thank you to our hard working
Welfare Officers!!

Join the Lottery !

The new UNISON lottery was launched at the start of 2018. Branches or individuals can sign up.

By joining the lottery you can play a vital part in ensuring that There for You can continue this important work in helping members in crisis. You can join for as little as £1 a month and you could win cash prizes of up to £1,000!!!

<https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you-monthly-lottery>