



WELFARE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

THANK YOU TO BRANCHES



The Regional Welfare Committee would like to say a 'big thank you' to branches for a fantastic total donation of £52,320 to There for You during 2021. UNISON NI was commended at the recent There for You AGM for this stunning donation.

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Firstly, a warm welcome to all our newly elected BWOs: Gabrielle Carton; Alison Crummey; Roberta Magee; Hanna McElveen; Annette Spence. Thank you to all our hardworking Branch Welfare Officers who assist and support members in their times of crisis. The Regional Committee recommend that every branch should endeavor to elect a Welfare Officer. This is a very rewarding role which is supported by regional training and mentoring when required. BWOs are also invited to join the Regional Welfare Committee in order to share good practice and discuss fundraising initiatives etc.

THERE FOR YOU GRANTS TO NI MEMBERS DURING 2021

We are very pleased to advise that NI members received a grant total of £119,195 (this included £83,530 for Covid grants) in 2021.

NEW HEAD OF UNISON WELFARE

Congratulations to Abigail Coombs who recently took up this important post. The NI Regional Welfare Committee will be inviting her to attend a future meeting.

WELFARE/BENEFIT ADVICE

Agnes Fraser continues to help UNISON members – referrals can be made through Liz Robinson
Email: e.robinson@unison.co.uk or
Tel: 028 90 270190

JOIN THE LOTTERY!

The Welfare Committee would like to encourage all branches to sign up to this vital fundraiser. Branches or individuals can join on-line – see the UNISON website for full details. 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!!! The UCHT branch recently won £500 and very generously re-donated their winnings to There for You. Thank you folks!

FUNDRAISING AT REGIONAL COUNCIL (21 OCTOBER 2022)

The Regional Welfare Committee is running a ballot (3 great prizes!) and also conducting a 'bucket' collection at the UNISON NI Regional Council. Further details on this will be published nearer the date.

