



University Of Birmingham Branch

Talk In ...

Christmas
2010



UNISON Members win revised pay offer



UNISON 's pay campaign has won a revised pay offer of 1% plus a one off payment of £150 before tax for all Support Staff. Whilst still far below inflation it is significantly better than the original University offer of 0.4%.

For months the University were adamant they would not increase their offer. The revised deal is a testament to the thousands of leaflets given out by members, the walkabouts by reps and members getting their friends and colleagues to join us at the protest.

We were joined on the protest in opposing low pay, cuts to Public Services and tuition fees, by hundreds of students, showing what unity between staff and students can achieve.

With more members and more support from other trade unions we could have won a lot more.

**National TUC Demonstration
'March for the Alternative: Jobs,
Growth, Justice'**

**Saturday 26th March in London, free
coaches going down**

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Get your ticket to the TUC national demo 26th March

Don't let our Children Suffer - Opposing cuts to Schools in Birmingham

Student protests against Tuition fees and the abolition of EMA

As the newsletter is being printed the Students are taking their 5th national day of action.

The School, FE and University students have been an inspiration and show the youth of today are far from apathetic. They fully deserve our full support

A full Branch Meeting...

...Votes to accept the revised pay offer

The Branch Meeting voted to reluctantly accept the revised pay offer as the best deal we could get without industrial action. Many members at the meeting felt strongly that we should take industrial action to protect our living standards and we have sent the University a strong message that we are not prepared to keep accepting below inflation pay offers.

...And backs the national TUC demonstration in London on Saturday 26th March

The meeting voted unanimously to support the national TUC demonstration 'All Together for Public Services.'

The Public Service cuts are the worst we have faced since the 1930's. Everything from a 40% cut to Higher Education and a 25% cut to Further Education along with the abolition of EMA for students, cuts to Council housing and increasing rents, cuts to school services for our kids, Social Services to rubbish collection - no part of our Public Services has been spared.

Meanwhile the Government continue to find money to bail out the banks and over £120 billion pounds per year is lost through tax evasion and tax avoidance by corporations and very wealthy individuals

It doesn't have to be like this. The TUC demonstration can mark a turning point in the campaign to defend our Public Services and our communities.

To book your ticket just email Matt Raine m.j.raine@bham.ac.uk or phone x58283. Tickets are £5, which will be refunded on the day. If you would like tickets to sell to your friends and colleagues we are happy to provide them up front to you

www.tuc.org.uk/alltogether

Don't let your Children Suffer

Birmingham City Council are proposing cuts to swathes of vital School Services. UNISON along with the NUT and other trade unions have launched a petition and campaign against cuts to these vital school services.

Services under threat are:

- ◆ Services for Children with Special Educational Needs
- ◆ Outdoor Learning
- ◆ Catering and Cleaning
- ◆ Music Service
- ◆ Behaviour Support Service
- ◆ Early Years Teacher Support
- ◆ City Learning Centres
- ◆ International Office (School Exchange)
- ◆ Health Education

What you can do:

1. Take a petition around your friends and neighbours
2. Find out more at the public meeting, 7pm, Tuesday 18th January in the Council House, Victoria Square, City Centre
3. Write to your local Councillor, MP and Birmingham Mail

All the details on the campaign are at

www.crossbrum.weebly.com
or call 0121 442 2031



Helping you have a Great Christmas

UNISON are here to help you all year round. Here are just some of the great money saving offers exclusive to UNISON members.

There are even more on our national website www.unison.org.uk (click the 'Benefits' tab, then 'UNISON Plus Membership Benefits')
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8% 	5% 	8% 

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B	£38.48 - £96.16	£2001 - £5000	£0.81	£3.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
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F	£269.24 - £326.92	£14,001 - £17,000	£2.24	£9.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	£326.93 - £384.61	£17,001 - £20,000	£2.65	£11.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	£384.62 - £480.76	£20,001 - £25,000	£3.23	£14.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
I	£480.77 - £576.92	£25,001 - £30,000	£3.98	£17.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
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