



Campaign for a Fair Deal for Support Staff
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Strike Bulletin Six

Vice Chancellor Pay Rise £28,000 per year. You 1%
Strike for Fair Pay for all *Strike for a Living Wage of £7.65 an hour**

UNISON, UNITE and UCU members walk out in historic joint strike



Councillor Karen McCarthy, Selly Oak Constituency chair, signs a postcard to the Vice chancellor calling on the University to pay the National Living Wage with some of 120 UNISON members who came to the protests

Massive disruption across campus

Library's, Catering, Stores, Departmental offices were amongst the many University services that were shut or offering reduced services on the day with the main library once again shutting early.

The day also saw us launch our 28,000 people for the Living Wage campaign—one for every £1 of the Vice chancellors pay rise!

Where next

There are 4 branch meetings being held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week which will discuss where we go next if the University don't come back to negotiations, including action on Applicant Visit days.

Please do your best to come to one of them.

Where next? Come to UNISON members meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday to vote.

The strike was solid across the University showing the strong depth of feeling about the imposed 1% pay award. People are joining UNISON every week and there are now more UNISON members than there were before we took strike action.

Your UNISON Branch committee believe that if we escalate the action to include Applicant Visit Days then we can win the dispute. Please come to one of the branch meetings where you will be asked to vote on how many days of strike action to call and specific proposals will be debated and discussed. All voting will be anonymous.

Tuesday 11th at 1pm	Arts LR7
Tuesday 11th at 5pm	Watson 310
Weds 12th at 8am	Law LT3
Weds 12th at 9am	Law LT3

The Branch meeting will also have an update on the PDR review meetings and vote on branch nominations to the UNISON National Service Group Executive

Postcards for the Living Wage

We have sent you postcards to send back to the Vice Chancellor calling on the University to pay the Living Wage. If you would like more please email Abby Gulliver abbygulliver978@outlook.com

Hardship Fund and Strike pay

The hardship fund is there for all members to apply to. There are 2 important questions on it, how much has been deducted and how much you are applying for. The application form can be downloaded from the branch website.

Strike pay for 4 days of strike action—Please keep your pay slips

If we take 4 days of strike action then everyone who has been on strike for 4 days can claim £15 a day back dated—so £60 for the 4th strike day. Please ensure you keep your wage slips.

KEY Post Strike Questions/Information

- *I have received a letter/email from the University asking me to say if I was on strike*
You are under no obligation to fill this in and UNISON's advice is not to do so. It is your managers responsibility to confirm if you were working or not.
- *I use an excel flexitime sheet, how do I feel this in.*
Just leave it blank, it should carry over as normal from the Wednesday. Any questions please email Matt.
- *How do I apply for the UNISON hardship fund?*
The application form is on our branch website or any rep can give you a copy. Just think about how much you need to request and submit it with a payslip showing the amount deducted.
- *I believe I am being bullied or victimised*
If you feel you are being bullied or victimised because of strike or any other reason please contact Matt Raine or Lee Crutchley straightaway. It is illegal for the University to victimise you for taking strike action