

# UNISON

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## council workers

Council workers are the backbone of our communities. Whether you collect waste and recycling, work in a library, provide vital support in our town halls, protect our health and well-being, or look after children or vulnerable people, your work keeps us safe, healthy and happy.



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A decade of cuts has stretched councils to breaking point, making council workers' jobs increasingly difficult, despite their dedication to supporting their communities.

Unfair cuts in spending on local services enforced by central government have meant that council workers have been first in line for job cuts, compared to other public services. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs since 2010.

UNISON is the trade union for council workers. We negotiate pay and conditions, represent individuals, and campaign for a better deal for local government and for council workers.

### 3 things you can do:

**Contact your MP by post, email or on social media** and ask them to put pressure on the government to invest in councils and the future of local services. Telling them about the work you do will help raise the profile of the vital work you do.

**Get involved in our campaigns or local activity.** UNISON runs regular activities throughout the UK that you can get involved with by contacting your local branch.

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