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Dear young member,

As we enter TUC Young Workers' Month, we wanted to write and thank you for being one of our young activists.

At a time when public service workers are coming under increasing pressure to maintain service delivery with ever-dwindling resources, stepping up and being active in the union is a real commitment. Whatever role you hold, we want you to know how much it is appreciated.

We think it's important that our activists are supported properly in their work, and among the most important services we offer are our training and development opportunities. These can help you be a more effective activist, but also more effective in your job and career, by acquiring important transferable skills. You can find out more of what's available for you in the 'Activists' section of the UNISON website (unison.org.uk).

In these times where many people are struggling to make ends meet, you may also find it useful to look into our welfare service 'There For You'. It offers a range of support from financial assistance, through wellbeing breaks, to credit unions and debt advice. Please check out the full range of what's on offer by searching 'Welfare' on the UNISON website.

And, as always, we are looking for your help.

It's TUC Young Workers' Month and we want you to play a part in raising the profile of UNISON young members organisation in workplaces across the UK.

With this letter you will find two pin-on ribbons in UNISON's distinctive **green** and **purple**. We want you to do two things:

- 1. Wear the ribbon as a talking point in your workplace;**
- 2. Find at least one other person (they don't have to be young) and recruit them to UNISON and ask them to wear the ribbon.**

You can use the online joining facility to sign up a new member at www.joinunison.org

There are other activities going on to raise our young members profile, but this is a practical way of bringing it up at work. And we are stronger together, so every person who joins adds to our ability to win for our members and our union.

Once again, thank you for all you do for UNISON members.

Yours sincerely



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