

**1. YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS**

Please tick or fill in the boxes below

Mrs	Ms	Miss	Mr	Other
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First name	Other initial
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Surname/Family name	Date of birth / /
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Home address
Postcode

National Insurance number (from your payslip)
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☐ Please tick this box if you require materials in a different format (eg large print or Braille) – be sure to supply contact details below.

Please give a telephone number/voice/text/email address for UNISON to contact you – indicate if work or home

Contact tel/voice/text/email
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**2. YOUR EMPLOYMENT DETAILS**

Employer's name
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Your job title/occupation
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Department/section
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Workplace name and address
Postcode

Payroll number (from your payslip)
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**Please return form to:-**

FREEPOST RTKL-TZHC-BBUE  
UNISON East Midlands  
Vivian Avenue  
Nottingham  
NG5 1AF  
Code:- WELF

**3. WHAT YOU PAY – CURRENT RATES (SET OCTOBER 2003)**

Please tick the appropriate box for your earnings before deductions.

**YOUR SUBSCRIPTION—WHAT YOU PAY**

WEEKLY PAY ▼	ANNUAL PAY	PER WEEK	PER MONTH BAND
Up to £38.47	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to £2,000	£0.30	£1.30 A
£38.48–£96.16	<input type="checkbox"/> £2,001–£5,000	£0.81	£3.50 B
£96.17–£153.84	<input type="checkbox"/> £5,001–£8,000	£1.22	£5.30 C
£153.85–£211.53	<input type="checkbox"/> £8,001–£11,000	£1.52	£6.60 D
£211.54–£269.23	<input type="checkbox"/> £11,001–£14,000	£1.81	£7.85 E
£269.24–£326.92	<input type="checkbox"/> £14,001–£17,000	£2.24	£9.70 F
£326.93–£384.61	<input type="checkbox"/> £17,001–£20,000	£2.65	£11.50 G
£384.62–£480.76	<input type="checkbox"/> £20,001–£25,000	£3.23	£14.00 H
£480.77–£576.92	<input type="checkbox"/> £25,001–£30,000	£3.98	£17.25 I
£576.93–£673.08	<input type="checkbox"/> £30,001–£35,000	£4.68	£20.30 J
£673.08+	<input type="checkbox"/> over £35,000	£5.19	£22.50 K

☐ Please tick this box if you are a student member in full-time education (including student nurses or Modern Apprentices). Your subscription is £10 per year.

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how often you are paid

Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Four Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐

**4. POLITICAL FUND****UNISON's Affiliated Political Fund**

(APF) is used to campaign for and promote UNISON policy and the need for quality public services within the Labour Party, locally and nationally, in Parliament and Europe. UNISON APF affiliates to the Labour Party.

**UNISON's General Political Fund**

(GPF) is used to pay for campaigning at branch, regional and national levels of the union and for research and lobbying in Parliament and Europe. It is independent of support for any political party.

It is important that you indicate a choice of fund by ticking one of the boxes below. Your subscription shown above includes a political fund payment so you do not pay any more by being in one of the funds.

If you have been a member of a trade union before, please state which one:

The information provided by you shall be recorded by UNISON for statistical purposes and used for sending you UNISON publications, ballot forms and otherwise communicating with you. If you do **NOT** want any mailings from UNISON, besides those required by statute, please tick this box ☐

To keep you fully informed of the services we arrange for members we want you to receive details of benefits offered by or in conjunction with UNISON's affinity partners. The affinity partners are organisations with close links to UNISON that share our ambition to provide you with the best possible range of benefits. Under the Data Protection legislation we can only disclose your details to our affinity partners with your explicit consent. Therefore if you **WANT** to receive details of the full range of benefits you **MUST** tick this box ☐

**5. YOUR AUTHORISATION**

- I wish to join UNISON and accept its rules and constitution.
  - I authorise deduction of UNISON subscriptions from my salary/wages at the rate determined by UNISON in accordance with its rules to be paid over to them on my behalf and
  - I authorise my employer to provide information to UNISON to keep my records up to date
  - I authorise deduction of the following Political Fund payment as part of my subscription: Tick one box only
- ☐ **Affiliated Political Fund**    ☐ **General Political Fund**
- Now please sign and date below.

Signature

Date

OTHER WAYS TO PAY (please tick if appropriate)    ☐ direct debit    ☐ cheque



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# East Midlands Welfare News

## Festive Best Wishes from the Welfare Committee

This year has been a very busy one as usual for your welfare committee from fund raising to attending the national seminar, fun walk to training sessions.

Lorraine Newby (Chair) and Chris Klus (Vice-Chair) attended the national seminar in Croyde Bay in September where they presented Maureen Le Marinel, Chair of the Board of Trustees with a cheque for £2,000 which is to be used specifically to help low paid families to have a family holiday when they haven't had one for some time.



To join UNISON call 0800 0857 857  
or fill in the application form on the back of this newsletter

## National Seminar—1/3 September

There was a large delegation attending the National Seminar this year from the East Midlands. Croyde is a long way to travel but all delegates said how much they had enjoyed all the speakers.

Cliff Williams, Assistant General Secretary opened the Seminar by giving us a presentation on the State of the Union. Cliff informed us that UNISON is in reasonably good shape especially when compared to other Trade Unions who are in deficit.

Emma Lipscombe from Learning and Organising Services gave us a taster session on Stress and Elvis entertained us in the evening.

Day 2 started with a session on statutory benefits by Neill Arnott, from Social Welfare Training, which was mind boggling when you see how many different benefits there are. Sign up for regular email updates at [info@socialwelfaretraining.co.uk](mailto:info@socialwelfaretraining.co.uk).

Who else can help our members was started by Mark Abrams from Auriga. Auriga is a unique organisation with unrivalled experience of working with companies and individuals to manage debt and reduce financial hardship.

With expertise in grant giving and help schemes, they specialise in working with utility suppliers and local authorities. Go to [www.aurigaservices.co.uk](http://www.aurigaservices.co.uk) for further information.

Fiona Singleton from Quaker Social Action spoke to us about funerals which have risen in cost by 92% over the last 10 years. The national average price of a funeral now stands at £8,126. There are few rules relating to funerals including the fact that you don't have to hire a funeral director. For more information and a useful factsheet on planning an affordable and meaningful funeral go to [www.quakersocialaction.org.uk](http://www.quakersocialaction.org.uk). Although they are based in London they will help people from all over the country.

Jane Clack from Payplan gave us a too short but very informative session called when Debt comes Knocking which was all about Bailiffs and what they can and cant do.

## Important Dates for your Diary 2017

18 January	Committee Meeting 2.00pm
8 April	Welfare Forum 10.00am —3.00pm
14 May	Fun Walk (venue tbc)
10/11 May	Welfare Officer Training—London
4/5 July	Welfare Officer Training—Nottingham
10 July	Committee Meeting 2.00pm
12 October	Training, 10.00am & Meeting 2.00pm

All committee meetings and Welfare Officer Training will take place at the Regional Centre in Nottingham. Branch Welfare Officers are invited to attend as observers—Branch to pay expenses.



For further details on any of the above events contact Lesley Bailey on 0115 8475409 or email [l.bailey@unison.co.uk](mailto:l.bailey@unison.co.uk)

## Welfare Xmas Tree

At our recent committee meeting it was suggested that branches could have a xmas tree at their offices and tie the small pink welfare (credit card) size cards on each branch .

This would make a pretty display and also promote the work of "There for You" to our members. The cards can be ordered in boxes of 100 from the online catalogue.



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### BRANCH VISITS

Visits to branches by members of the Welfare Committee are available so if you would like someone to come along to your AGM and talk about what welfare does for members then get in touch with Lesley Bailey

there  
for you

supporting UNISON members  
when life gets tough



### UNISON Living

UNISON Living is the new booklet showing all the extra benefits you can get with your UNISON membership.

It gives details of health and dental plans, deals with vision express, money off when shopping online, family protection insurance, car insurances and breakdown cover plus deals on new cars, financial advice, pre-paid credit cards, energy switch scheme, home, travel and pet insurance, "There for You", legal benefits, credit unions, debt advice and deals on travel.

Did you know you don't need extra legal cover when renewing your car insurance as your UNISON membership provides legal cover for any car accidents.

Further details of all the extra benefits of UNISON membership can be found on the UNISON website at [www.unison.org.uk](http://www.unison.org.uk)

### Winter Fuel Grants

UNISON Welfare is once more running its winter fuel grants programme, a bit of money to help those on low incomes get by and pay those ever increasing fuel bills.

To find out how to apply for a winter fuel grant visit the website. The application form will be available on the website in early December with a closing date of February



### Did you know???

**That if you know someone who has a mental impairment like Dementia or Parkinson's that if they live alone they can be discounted from paying council tax or if they live with one other person then they can apply for a reduction in council tax of approx. 25%**

**You can also claim a rebate on monies already paid since diagnosis.**

**You need to go to your local council housing department and they need to be eligible to claim certain benefits to get a reduction.**





## Power cut—who you gonna call? 105

Many people don't know that they should contact their electricity network if they have a power cut.

That's why the electricity network operators have joined forces to launch 105—an easy to remember number to call to make it easier for customers to contact them during a power outage.

If experiencing a power cut you should switch off any electrical appliances that shouldn't be left unattended; leave a light on so you know when its been resolved; check your neighbours are ok; wrap up warm and ring 105.

## Food banks

Don't forget especially at this time of year others are sometimes in need of help.

You could start up a collection for your local food bank at your workplace.

Just put a box in the reception or canteen and send a message to your colleagues asking for donations.

Further details of local food banks in your area can be found by doing a search on the internet. We always have a box in the regional centre of UNISON so donations can always be put there when attending meetings.

## How we help our Members

We support all UNISON members when times are tough and with the problems they may have. And, if we can't help, then we'll always try and find someone who can.

"What can I say, I cried,  
There for You  
have made so  
much of a  
difference,

"I thank you so  
much. You have made it  
possible for us to have a  
comfortable Xmas with  
getting a cooker and having  
it fitted ready for Xmas  
dinner."

Whether you have problems with Debt, Benefits, Housing, Bereavement or Relationships—"There for You" can help.