

Save Our local Services



Libraries are a hub and a haven in their communities. They do a lot more than lend books. Libraries offer a place for people to work, relax, discover and think. They host events, give adults and young people access to IT, help people to find work and so much more.

The government's unfair spending cuts have already damaged library provision. 478 libraries have closed in Great Britain since 2010, leaving less than 4000 libraries open and thousands of library workers' jobs lost. Closures, redundancies, outsourcing and loss of expertise are devastating for libraries and the people who depend on them.

This year, UNISON's Save our Local Services (SOS) campaign will join activists across the UK to defend the precious library services and library workers that we have left.

We will be working with activists to raise awareness of the impact of cuts and

organise members to challenge decision makers on their approach to library services.

Support the campaign's SOS Day for libraries this autumn and help us to stand up to this government's vicious attacks on the public services that we all treasure.

What can you do to help now?

- Check out the SOS website for more information and updates: www.unison.co.uk/saveourlocalservices
- Tell your branch and library members about the campaign
- Tell us why you love your library on Twitter [@unisondamage](https://twitter.com/unisondamage) or Facebook (UNISON LG Campaigns) using the hashtag **#SOSlibraries**