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If you have a membership query, please contact the Branch on the number above or you can email the Branch via the website at:
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UNISON Manchester is organised by the Branch Executive Committee and is supported by skilled staff - locally, regionally and nationally. The UNISON Manchester Branch Officers are listed below.

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The Branch Executive Committee, the Branch's decision-making body, comprises of stewards from across all the workplaces represented by the Branch plus elected Officers.

All members of UNISON Manchester are encouraged to attend meetings, vote in Branch elections and get involved in our campaigns and activities.

We are always looking for people who feel they can contribute to the work of the Branch and help other members. This could be a regular commitment or you could be a 'mailbox' steward and help pass on UNISON information to members in your workplace. The Branch provides training courses, advice

In my view...



On behalf of the UNISON Manchester Branch, I would like to thank stewards and members for all the hard work they put in to make the strike, march and rally on 30 November 2011 such a tremendous success.

To those who helped in the organising before the day, and all those who got in early to picket so successfully and to the thousands of our members who took part in the historic march, thank you.

The march was far bigger than anyone predicted, and showed the deep strength of feeling of our members and of our colleague public sector workers.

It was significant that the reaction of the vast majority of the public who saw the march was overwhelmingly positive.

Many were moved by the support of members of the public throughout the march in the city centre, and by the huge and welcoming reception our health members gave as the march passed the hospitals along Oxford Road.

There's still a lot more to be done to make progress on both our pensions and pay and the attacks on our services and jobs.

But everyone should be proud of what we did on 30 November in showing what being part of our union is all about.

We know the future will not be easy, but we showed collectively that we can stand up and challenge this Government, and receive the support of the public.

For many of our members this will have been their first experience of taking part in strike action and such a massive demonstration in Manchester.

Thanks for what you all did and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pat McDonagh (Branch Secretary)



Manchester: 30 November 2011...



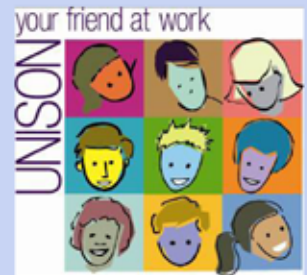


With more than 1.3 million members working across the public services, being part of UNISON means you have the full weight of the UK's biggest trade union behind you.

We have more workplace representatives than any other union in the country - backed up by experienced full-time regional and national experts. Together we can help ensure that your rights are protected at work and that you are in a safe environment.

UNISON members include staff working for the NHS, the Police Service, Colleges and Schools, the Electricity, Gas and Water Industries, Transport and the Voluntary Sector.

UNISON campaigns to keep services public and strengthen the voice of public sector workers. Join us and make sure your voice is heard.



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1. YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

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Home address												
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Employers Name	
Job Title/Occupation	
Department/Section	
Workplace Address	
Postcode	
Payroll No.	

When completed please send to:-
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Weekly Pay	Annual Pay	✓	Band	Per Week	Per Month
Up to £38.47	Up to £2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	A	£0.30	£1.30
£38.48-£96.16	£2,001-£5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	B	£0.81	£3.50
£96.17-£153.84	£5,001-£8,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	£1.22	£5.30
£153.85-£211.53	£8,001-£11,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	D	£1.52	£6.60
£211.54-£269.23	£11,001-£14,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	E	£1.81	£7.85
£269.24-£326.92	£14,001-£17,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	F	£2.24	£9.70
£326.93-£384.61	£17,001-£20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	G	£2.65	£11.50
£384.62-£480.76	£20,001-£25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	H	£3.23	£14.00
£480.77-£576.92	£25,000-£30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	I	£3.98	£17.25
£576.93-£673.08	£30,001-£35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	J	£4.68	£20.30
£673.08 +	Over £35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	K	£5.19	£22.50

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Weekly

Fortnightly

Four Weekly

Monthly

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Affiliated Political Fund

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Signature
Date

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