



FE ALERT!

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The official briefing of the all new
**UNISON SCOTLAND
FURTHER EDUCATION BRANCH!
(USFE)**

YOUR NEW BRANCH IS HERE!



On 1st October 2019, Scotland's first dedicated, national FE Branch was born.

F.E. members have been calling for the creation of a dedicated focussed F.E. Branch for a number of years. Many members will

recall being consulted on two previous occasions on the formation of a Scottish National F.E. Branch to operate autonomously from Local Government Branches. The most recent in 2017 showed support for the creation of a National F.E. Branch at 98%.

UNISON Scotland has listened to the voice of the membership and has taken the momentous decision to establish a dedicated National F.E. Branch which was established on the 1st of October 2019. This new Branch will serve all members working in Scotland's Colleges including those who are currently working in outsourced services like cleaning and catering which UNISON ultimately wish to see brought back in house where they belong.

UNISON membership within F.E. in Scotland is on the rise and has increased by over 10% in the last 6 months. We, like you, believe that this is a great opportunity for us to build the organisational effectiveness and bargaining strength of our union at local college and national level.

The new Branch will oversee all negotiations with the employers at the national bargaining machinery. It will continue to make your voice heard by the Scottish Government, College Management and Boards (following the historic decision to place trade unions seats on every College Board in Scotland) and represent your interests whether you work in Borders or Barra, in cleaning or clerical or whether you work part time, full time or term time.

In the first few weeks we have been busy setting up our office (kindly gifted to us by Glasgow City Branch), bank accounts and other business to ensure we are ready and able to support our members wherever they may be.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH

Your first point of contact is always your local UNISON steward. Names and email addresses are shown in the next section.

If, for any reason, you are unable to contact your local steward and you require a speedy response, you can email the new branch and we will aim to respond to you within 24 hours.

If your case or issue is an emergency, then you should phone the branch directly on the number shown below. If nobody is able to answer your call, you will be automatically redirected to a mobile number where you should leave a message and one of our lead officers will call you back ASAP.

- 1 CONTACT YOUR LOCAL STEWARD
 - 2 E-MAIL THE BRANCH
 - 3 PHONE THE BRANCH
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BRANCH OFFICERS

The branch is formed of our list of elected stewards with a place on our committee for a representative from all of Scotland's colleges and 18 specific officers who will take the lead for the branch in different areas. These officers are listed below.

If you have any thoughts or ideas you would like to see implemented in our colleges, please let them know.

OFFICER	NAME
CHAIR	COLLETTE BRADLEY
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ASSISTANT BRANCH SECRETARY	FIONA BLAIN
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RETIRED MEMBERS' SECRETARY	PATRICIA MURRAY
WOMENS' OFFICER	FERN BLACKWOOD
GREEN OFFICER	MAREE SHEPHERD

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT ALERT

A photograph of a stage with red curtains, illuminated from below, creating a dramatic effect. The curtains are closed and hang in vertical folds.

COMING SOON

Job Evaluation (Phase 2 commencing 11th November).

Our upcoming meeting on 6th November with Minister for Further Education, Higher Education & Science, Richard Lochhead.

UNISON's plan to carry out health and safety inspections in your college.

The latest on trade union reps on college boards.

The two remaining colleges in Scotland failing low-paid workers (living wage).

The latest on national negotiations on pay, terms & conditions and policies & procedures.

BUILD YOUR UNION AND RECRUIT A MEMBER !

As ever, if you know someone who is not a member, encourage them to join. If they are not a member they do not have a voice in the big decisions ahead of us.

<http://www.unison-scotland.org.uk/join/index.html>

Thanks for reading and if you have any suggestions or questions, or anything you want us to look into, be sure to let us know (through your local steward).

UNISON Scotland Further Education Website:

<http://www.unison-scotland.org/service-groups-and-sectors/further-education/>

