

UNISON Scotland *Influencers*

General election briefing 2024

USE YOUR VOTE VOTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Politics can be dull; politicians can be uninspiring - but voting matters.

Voting can and does change what happens in our own lives, and the world we live in. If working people having the vote didn't matter, we wouldn't have had to fight to get it.

The Tories warn that a change of government will mean that taxes will go up. If that does happen though it will mean that more money is going in to the public services UNISON members deliver, and we all rely on.

Because tax isn't a cost, it's the subscription fee for a functioning society. Public services don't just happen, they and the people that deliver them - need to be invested in.

We have seen over the last fourteen years how little interest the current UK government has in maintaining public services, or improving the lives of the people who work in them.

If the Tories are re-elected there will be more attacks on public service workers ability to stand up for themselves and the services they work in. These attacks aren't on unions 'right to strike' - they are on your freedom to withdraw your labour.

Don't gamble on someone else using their vote to stand up for services - use yours.

USEFUL RESOURCES

- [People receiving emergency food parcels from Trussell Trust foodbanks](#)
- [The Suffragette Movement by Sylvia Pankhurst](#)
- [A Chronology of Labour Law 1979 - 2023](#)
- [TUC: Just 1 in 7 think their living standards are improving this year](#)