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Green UNISON Day Scotland 20th September 2019



This year's UNISON are organising a week of activities to call for urgent action to tackle climate change. In [Scotland](#), our Green Day takes place on 20th September and is timed to coincide with and show solidarity to the school climate strikers' action - information on how to get involved is [here](#). A range of Scottish businesses, charities and other organisations have announced they will be participating in the [Global Climate Strikes](#). Nationally, UNISON has organised a [whole Green week](#).

Pre-Budget Scrutiny: Roads Maintenance in Scotland



There is no doubt that local government has borne the brunt of cuts over the last 10 years. Reports, from COSLA, the Local Government Benchmarking Report, Accounts Commission and SPICE, confirm a decade of substantial cuts to local government budgets. Demand for services has also risen further impacting on budgets. Roads budgets have been disproportionately cut. Our [own survey](#) of members working in roads teams and show that there is a serious problem. Salami-slicing of services avoids headlines but the cuts are having a severe impact on our roads and the staff trying to deliver them with limited resources.. [Read our submission here](#).



UNISON Scotland's Social Work Issues Group (SWIG) is encouraging members on social work teams to take part in [a union survey](#) to highlight the issue they face in their day to day work, especially in relation to the impact of cuts.

Complete the survey [here](#)

Lyn Marie O'Hara of UNISON City of Glasgow has won the TUC Organising Award for the work done by her and her sisters in the branch organising the Equal Pay strike. [See the TUC video here.](#)

8,500 Glasgow City workers, predominantly low paid women, took part in the Glasgow Women's Strike on 23 and 24 October last year demanding equal pay – and won.

The victory followed 11 years of campaigning with 14 disputes.



In the event of a no deal BrexitUK Govt have announced some important information about immigration rules with implication for UNISON members who aren't UK citizens (just you know... live, work pay taxes and deliver public services here) [Details here](#)



Higher Education Strike Ballot

UNISON is asking its members in higher education to vote 'yes' for strike action in a pay ballot that opens on Monday 9 September.

The union believes the employer's pay offer just isn't good enough. Most staff would see a pay increase of just 1.8% – well below inflation.

More information [here.](#)

We might not know the date yet – but there isn't any doubt that there is going to be a general election sometime soon. Every vote counts – and the future of our public services and the people who deliver them will depend on the result. Make sure your voice – and the voice of other UNISON members is able to be heard GET REGISTERED TO VOTE [HERE](#)

Register To Vote Here

Pick of the Media

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Congratulations [UNISON](#) - The annual government [Certification Officer report](#) confirms UNISON is again the largest union in Great Britain and the United Kingdom.

11/09/19 holyrood.com

Chair of UNISON Scotland's health committee Tom Waterson discusses [staff exhaustion in the NHS](#).

11/09/19 unison-scotland.org

[UNISON call for public inquiry into The Royal Hospital for Children and Young People.](#)

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[TUC calls for ban on class discrimination](#)

Read UNISON's General Secretary Dave Prentis' blog for views on issues UNISON is working on and information on what he's doing.

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[Public Works](#) is the UNISON Scotland campaign for jobs, services, fair taxation and a Living Wage... and against austerity. [This toolkit](#) provides branches with campaign resources to save our public services from the cuts driven by an austerity that is a political choice not an economic necessity.

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