

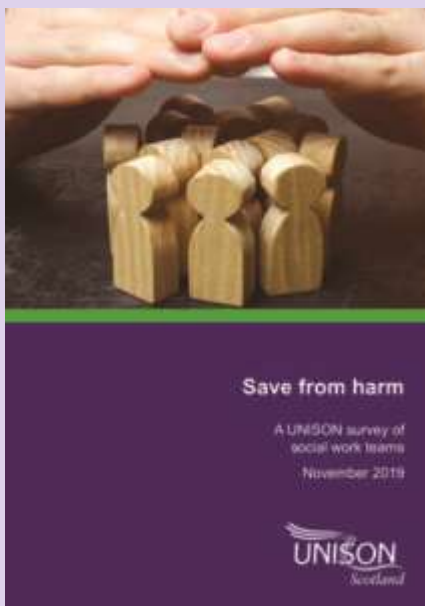
# UNISON WEEK

News and views from the biggest union in  
Scotland's public services



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## Save from harm – UNISON Scotland survey of social work teams



Our new report looks at issues facing our members working in social work teams in Scottish local authorities.

- 76% of respondents stated their teams did not have enough staff
- 82% stated their workload had got heavier in the last few years
- 89% of staff are working late and skipping skipping breaks to keep on top of their workload
- Two thirds of staff had experienced physical or verbal abuse at work
- 90% of respondents are considering leaving their jobs in social work.

Read more [here](#) and watch our [video](#).

### Universal Credit

The ineptitude of the introduction of universal credit has been matched only by the cruelty it has visited on the poor. The five week wait for a first payment doesn't so much 'mimic the world of work' as send people to foodbanks.

As if this wasn't enough, the viciousness of the system is compounded by the abhorrent benefit sanctions regime. People have died as a direct result of benefits sanctions or errors – in many cases, ending their own lives in utter desperation.

Scrap universal credit.

## General Election – Registration Drive & Campaign Rules



## Police Staff agree two-year pay deal



## Campus operations staff at Queen Margaret University chalk up win in campaign against outsourcing threat



UNISON Scotland head of higher education Lorcan Mullen said: "I am delighted that the university has taken the decision to keep these members in-house." Other employers within Scottish higher education should also take note: UNISON will not allow further outsourcing of low-paid workers without a similar campaign". Read more [here](#)



## St Andrews Day March and Rally - Saturday 30 November 2019

The STUC is organising the Annual St Andrew's Day Anti Racism march and rally. This year, the Anti Racism and Fascism March will assemble at 10.30am at Glasgow Green, marching off at 11.00 am through the streets of Glasgow to Adelades Auditorium, Bath Street, where there will be a rally with speakers from 12 noon.

More information [here](#) .....



## It's good to grow...

And more members make us stronger. This November we're running another recruitment and retention campaign. for more information and to watch our video look [here](#).

### PICK OF THE MEDIA

11/11/19 [dailyrecord.co.uk](http://dailyrecord.co.uk)

Shocking situation at Inverclyde Royal Hospital ....UNISON's Matt McLaughlin said: "If people are being delivered to these units equipped to cause harm then someone could be killed" ..... [read further](#).

12/11/19 [eveningtimes.co.uk](http://eveningtimes.co.uk)

**UNISON Scotland puts pressure on Kelvin and Clyde colleges to pay staff a Living Wage.**

11/11/19 [tuc.org](http://tuc.org)

**Economy growing at its slowest rate since 2010.**

**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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