

# UNISON WEEK

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Scotland's public services



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## REGISTER TO VOTE TIME IS RUNNING OUT

If all you want for Christmas is better public services make sure you're registered to vote. It's quick , its easy it matters and can be done by clicking [here](#)

**> Register and  
apply for a postal  
vote**



### Mental Health

Mental health is one of the biggest issues in the workplace, causing over 70 million working days to be lost each year and costing employers approximately £2.4 billion per year. 300,000 people with a long term mental health problem lose their jobs each year in the UK.

in 2018, in Scotland, over eight hundred and seventy thousand people were prescribed antidepressants, getting on for one in five of the adult population. This reaches into every workplace.

This isn't about individuals with a health problem. It is an epidemic. And as with other epidemics – this one needs a collective response.

UNISON Scotland International

Scottish delegates spoke about Brazil, Turkey, Palestine, Cuba and Chile at the recent UNISON joint international regional seminar in Newcastle. Some reports on the [Int Cttee Facebook](#) page

**Putting people & planet first, from Chile to Glasgow** Sun 1 Dec 13:00-21:00 incl 6pm screening of Nae Pasaran, hosted by FoE Scotland & STUC details [here](#)



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The campaign runs every year from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day. Read more [here....](#)

## PICK OF THE MEDIA

24/11/19 *nursingtimes.net*

Assaults on staff at **Borders General Hospital**

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20/11/19 *classonline.org.uk*

**The Yachts And The Have Nots** - in a rich nation we are now talking about those who 'have food and those who have none'.

18/11/19 *clydebankpost.co.uk*

**West Dunbartonshire social workers vote to ballot for strike action.**

Our latest report '**Save from harm**' looks at the damaging impact of austerity on social work teams.

18/11/19 *tuc.org*

Shockingly the number of children growing up in poverty in working households has risen by 800,000 since 2010. In Scotland, almost 10,000 more children are living in poverty in working households. **Read full report here...**

**UNISON's General Secretary Dave Prentis' explains why this election is the fight of our lives**

# PUBLIC WORKS: TOOLKIT

**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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