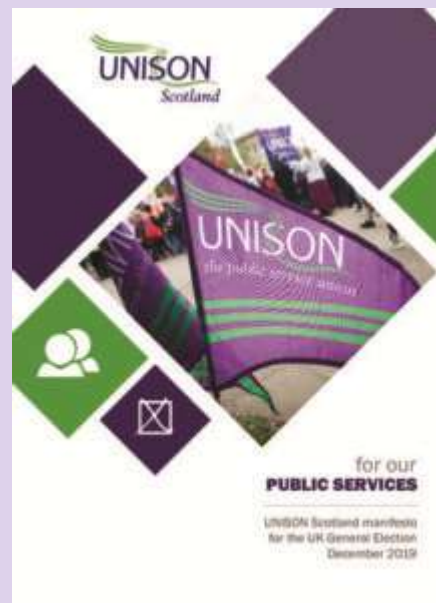




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FOR OUR PUBLIC SERVICES - UNISON MANIFESTO 2019

UNISON Scotland have published [For our Public Services](#). Our manifesto for the general election. In this manifesto we set out the issues that UNISON will expect the political parties to address in the election. Important though it may be - this election cannot just be about Brexit. Public services are central to the quality of life of our citizens. Our manifesto makes clearis made clear that we need a government that will invest in services and give citizens the high quality services they deserve.



A reminder of what Branches can, and thanks to the Lobbying Act, can't do during the election [here](#).

WINTER FUEL GRANT

Members living on a low income constantly struggle to make ends meet – and this can be particularly acute in the winter when the cost of heating homes rises as the outside temperature falls.

But it's not all bad news – help IS available. The union's welfare charity [There for You](#) has once more set up a limited fund to help members on low incomes towards the cost of their winter fuel bill through a one-off

payment of £40.

The process is very similar to previous years and an amount of money has been ring-fenced to support this initiative. However, once it's gone it's gone! [Details are here](#).

UNISON COMMUNICATION AWARDS

The annual competition for good work in communications is now open to all branches and self organised groups. [More details here](#)

PICK OF THE MEDIA

29/11/19 *Eveningtimes.co.uk*

UNISON's concerns over NHS capacity and planning expressed [here](#)

28/11/19 *TUC.org.uk*

Collective Bargaining [It's a good thing](#)

29/11/19 *morningstaronline.co.uk*

Cuba - [pioneering sustainable development](#)

28/11/19 *4barsrest.com*

Well done the UNISON Kinneil band - [another triumph](#)

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

**PUBLIC
WORKS:
TOOLKI**

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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