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Tackling Child Poverty

24% of Children in Scotland live in poverty. Over two thirds of that appallingly high number live in households where someone works. This tells us a great deal about how persistent the issues of low pay and under employment remain in Scotland.

This is an issue not confined to so called precarious employment or the gig economy. Low pay is an issue in our public services too. To give just one example, UNISON has to offer help to our members who struggle to **purchase school uniforms**.

While there are many ways in which public services assist in mitigating the impacts of poverty on children, properly funding those services and widening their scope further would help more. This though is remedial action, tackling the issue at source is what is needed. Tackling child poverty is inseparable from sustaining employment and raising wages. Low pay is still a big problem in local government. A **fair pay rise for council staff** won't solve the problem of child poverty - but it will help in arresting its seemingly relentless rise.



[General Secretary's Blog: Why we will always stand with the Windrush generation](#)

[International rally: Proud of UNISON's role in the global trade union](#)



Virtual Special Delegate Conference Reports 2021

This year's Conference is being held online due to the pandemic. Conference reports from a Scotland perspective and where Scotland delegates are particularly involved are [here](#).

New TUC Report: The future of flexible work



Climate Change Adaptation in the workplace

UNISON Scotland is working with the STUC and Sniffer to create useful resources for trade unions on climate change adaptation* in the workplace. Get involved [here](#).

Ron Curran - Obituary

PICK OF THE MEDIA

17/06/21 glasgowlive.co.uk

Lone nurses in Glasgow denied personal safety devices after NHS admits 'unfortunate' shortage.

17/06/21 publicservices.international

World Refugee Day: **Universal and Equal Access to Covid-19 Vaccines for Refugees.**

17/06/21 heraldscotland.com

STUC boss: **Thousands died unnecessarily because of 'bad' government decisions.**

16/06/21 healthandcare.scot

Forcing social care staff to get vaccinated will only worsen 'dire' staff shortages in the sector.

15/06/21 stopclimatechaos.scot

Climate emissions results 'alarming' – serious action needed to meet targets.

UNISON Celebrates
Pride Month
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Welcome to UNISON Scotland learning!

[Here is](#) our calendar for the courses for first 6 months of 2021.

Build your skills with our national programme [UNISON Learning](#) - a whole range of courses for our members.



Support for family and friends of deceased members

We want you to know that if you're the family or friend of a UNISON member that has died, [we're here to help](#).

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