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UNISON has called off two days of strikes 29 and 30 March and a large rally in Glasgow on Tuesday 29 March after the council has made significant concessions around equal pay. Planned strike action on 20 and 21 April remains in place. Tracey Dalling, UNISON's Scottish secretary said: "Nobody should be under any misapprehension about the anger of women in Glasgow. They are determined to see this through. They have been fighting this for over 15 years. It is simply appalling that low paid women workers have to threaten to go on strike to get wages which are rightfully theirs. Under pressure from union members the council has shifted its position, so we will suspend strike action on 29 and 30 of March and go into a three-week period of intense negotiations to hammer out the devil in the detail."

College staff vote 80% for strike action

UNISON members across Scotland's colleges have voted by an overwhelming 80% to move to a strike ballot. Having previously rejected the college employers' below inflation pay offer, and with the cost of living crisis rapidly worsening, college support staff have now authorised a formal ballot for industrial action to fight for a better deal.

In an online consultation, the voter turnout surpassed the 50% turnout requirement for the upcoming postal ballot. UNISON is the largest trade union for college support staff, and this consultation involved thousands of members from all parts of Scotland. Further details [here](#).

General secretary's blog: The spring statement is a slap in the face for workers

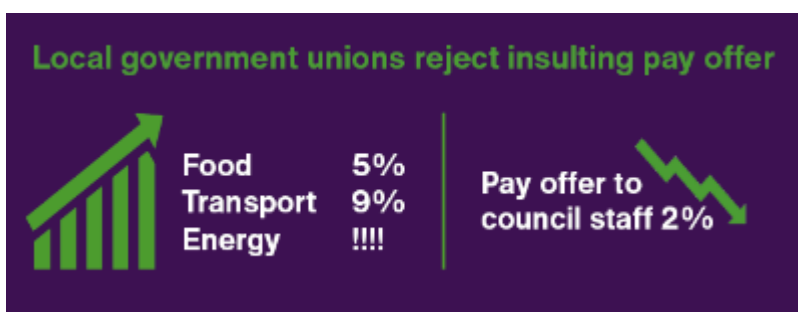
Higher Education workers prepare for further strikes over pay and pensions

UNISON members will take further strike days at eight universities, including Edinburgh Napier University, over pay and pensions issues from this week. This is the second round of strikes at each

of the universities, following a series of dates in February and earlier this month. Edinburgh strike days confirmed. 12am Monday 4 April until Friday 8 April 11:59pm
Edinburgh Napier University Branch chair, Sharon Nairn, said: "People already can't afford what they need, and the pay offer will just make things worse, when the value of HE pay has fallen by 17% in the past 12 years. Right now, people can't afford to live, but they also can't afford not to stand up and be counted." More details [here](#).

Silence is Compliance, Sexual Harrassment Report by the STUC Women's Committee

All the news from the 2022 Community Conference



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26/03/22

'Hypocrisy': Ministers under fire as CalMac uses P&O tax dodge to save £46m.

25/03/22 dailyrecord.co.uk

Scots equal pay strike suspended despite 'deep mistrust' in council.

25/03/22 bbc.co.uk

P&O Ferries: Not consulting on job cuts broke law, boss admits.

25/03/22 morningstaronline.co.uk

British and Turkish environmentalists deliver petition to Downing St calling for end to plastic waste exports.

24/03/22 theferret.scot

Scottish government accused of 'stalling' on freedom of information.

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Spring Statement fails families who need help now.

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Energy Support Appeal

Helping low income and vulnerable members with rising energy costs

There for You launches the Energy Support Appeal

There for You is launching their **Energy Support Fund** to help members through the cost-of-living crisis. In order to support as many members as possible over this year, they are asking for donations from branches.



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