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Global Climate Emergency: Scotland's Response

Anyone arguing that there isn't a global climate change emergency is simply ignoring reality. We welcome the Scottish Government's declaration and the decision to pursue a net zero carbon emissions target of 2045. The importance throughout this of ensuring a just transition cannot be exaggerated. We together with SCCS (as well as the STUC and the Just Transition Partnership) are calling for the Climate Change Bill to be amended to establish the Just Transition Commission on a statutory basis. It is essential to give the Commission the status and longevity required to effectively carry out an oversight and advice function for the duration of the targets laid out in the Bill.



Mental Health Awareness Week 2019

Mental Health Awareness Week 2019 will take place from Monday 13 to Sunday 19 May 2019. Find out more information [here](#). Acas have also produced [guidance](#) on how to help anyone at work experiencing mental health issue, stress or anxiety.

Mental health is one of our greatest public health challenges but lets not forgot our members who work delivering Scotland's mental health services. Our report [See Us](#) explains how they cope with tightening resources and rising demand.

Food , Drink , Brexit

The Scottish Government debate on Guiding the food and drink sector through Brexit. Is timely and useful. It provides an opportune moment to stress again the need for Scotland to become [Good Food Nation](#) working to create a food system that is resilient through its principles of fair, healthy and sustainable food. The best start to that - and response the Scottish Government could make to Brexit is to bring forward a Good Food Nation Bill in this parliament

The Place Principle Debate

The place principle states "A more joined-up, collaborative, and participative approach to services, land and buildings, across all sectors within a place, enables better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives." states 'the place principle'. These are fine words, very fine words - indeed all they lack are phrases extolling the delights of motherhood and baked apple desserts.

Principles and budgets are however different things. Its in the detail of the latter that the seriousness of the former are to be judged. An examination of the public realm in Scotland would surely be the starting point. That the 'efficiencies ' and 'improvements' of recent years that have seen so many towns and villages lose Police Stations, libraries and public toilets as well as other diminutions of the public realm might suggest that fine words are being preached here, but not practiced.



Scotland In UNISON May 2019

Our [latest issue](#) covers:

- STUC special – reports from STUC Congress 2019;
- Government must use powers to make people's lives better;
- Dundee home care workers defeat conditions changes;
- End the exploitation of dedicated care workers;
- National job evaluation starts in FE colleges;
- Boss's pay rise slammed as Gas jobs go;
- President sends support to ISS workers as branch mounts 'PFI Bleeds the NHS Dry' campaign;
- West Dunbarton social work members in strike ballot against unsafe workloads and practices;
- Report calls for review of council funding;



President's Malawi mother and baby appeal

Gordon McKay, UNISON president, has returned from a 5 day trip to Malawi as part of his appeal to improve maternal health in the country.

He travelled with Wilma Brown, Danny Phillips and Mark Beacon – all of UNISON – to visit Manchijiri Health Centre which serves a small, rural, community in south Malawi about 30 km from the old capital city of Zomba.

Gordon chose Manchijiri health centre for his president's charity. His visit with colleagues was to meet staff to discuss their needs and learn more about their work, and to understand the needs of the community and how we can support them. [Read more on the visit and how to donate.](#)

Pick of the Media

09/05/19 [businessgreen.com](#)

[Proportion of public 'very concerned' about climate change hits record high.](#)

08/05/19 [dailyrecord.co.uk](#)

UNISON's Simon MacFarlane [explains why](#) social work staff in West Dunbartonshire have taken a step forward to strike action.

08/05/19 [dailyrecord.co.uk](#)

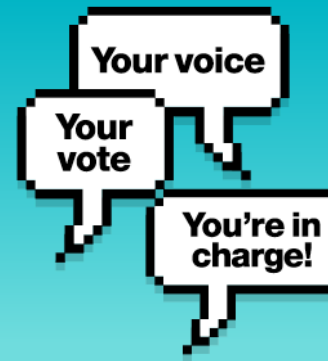
[An anti bullying culture should start from the top down....](#)

06/05/19 [guardian.com](#)

[France Telecom accused of 'moral harassment' and creating a climate that drove at least 19 employee suicides.](#)

National Executive Council Elections 2019

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Read the latest from UNISON's General Secretary Dave Prentis on his blog [here](#).

PUBLIC WORKS: TOOLKIT T

[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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