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2019 National Delegate Conference

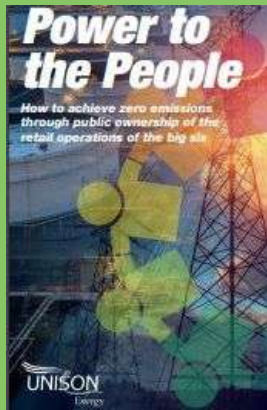
UNISON President, Gordon McKay, opened national delegate conference in Liverpool highlighting victories and the benefits of being in UNISON. Follow all the news and decisions taken [here](#).



This is your life ... A celebration of our Local Government workers



They are there for every one of us, through every stage of our lives. From birth, through our youth and adulthood, to old age. We cannot live our lives without them. But they are often forgotten. [Watch](#) and find out who our #LocalServiceChampions are.



Nationalise the big six and create a 'green army' to help the UK hit net zero, says UNISON

Our new report [Power to the People](#) shows how nationalising the retail arms of the big six energy firms would significantly boost the UK's bid to become carbon neutral by 2050.

[Power to the People](#) calls on a future government to bring into public ownership the parts of British Gas (Centrica), SSE, E.ON, EDF Energy, Npower (Innogy) and Scottish Power (Iberdrola) that sell consumers energy. This would instantly create a new 'green army' of workers dedicated to helping businesses and the public become more energy efficient, cut their bills and save the planet.

STOP CLIMATE CHAOS SCOTLAND



It's been ten years since the Climate Change Act was passed. We are now in a climate emergency and time is running out. We've been closely involved with Stop Climate Chaos Scotland. Their view of the ten years since the act can be found [here](#).

Recent figures [show](#) that the Scottish Government missed the annual climate target for 2017. We need to move faster,,, read [Stop Climate Chaos Scotland's response](#) to the announcement and sign their petition [here](#).

National Executive Election Results

Following the results of the 2019 NEC elections we can confirm that the Scottish NEC members for 2019-2021 will be as follows:

Scotland reserved seat: **Maggie Cook**
Scotland female seats: **Davena Rankin** and **Kate Ramsden**
Scotland general seat: **Stephen Smellie**
Scotland male seat: **Jim McFarlane**

We also congratulate Scottish UNISON member and President **Gordon McKay** on his re-election to a national health seat. Gordon is also the 2018/2019 UNISON national president.



Pick of the Media

18/06/19 [heraldscotland.com](#)
[College facing £1m funding gap to cut jobs.](#)

18/06/19 [heraldscotland.com](#)
Councils keep reserves for the proverbial rainy day. The financial climate provided by the Scottish Government is [decidedly inclement](#)

12/06/19 *scotsman.com*

Public transport run in the public interest? [We're all for that](#)

12/06/19 *theferret.scot*

[Council officials push to weaken freedom of information law.](#)

11/05/19 *tuc.org.uk*

'Just transition' needed to decarbonise the economy, says TUC

05/06/19 *holyrood.com*

Gender pay gap - [catching up with history.](#)

18/06/19 *10isds.org*

Trade deals v democracy [more here](#)

Green UNISON day will be Sept 20th - updates on branch activities will be going online here



UNISON is consulting Higher Education members across the UK on the latest pay offer. UNISON's HE service group executive recommends that members REJECT the pay offer to campaign for an improved pay deal.

The [online consultation runs from 22 May to 1 July](#) – please don't miss your chance to have your say!

Read the latest from UNISON's General Secretary Dave Prentis' blog

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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