

**AGM Special
2020**

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KNOWSLEY UNISON AGM 2020

You are invited to attend your Annual General Meeting on either of the following dates:

Friday 28th February 2020 @ 12.30pm

(arrive by 12 noon for buffet lunch)

Or

Monday 2nd March 2020 @ 4pm

(arrive by 3.30pm for refreshments including cakes)

**Council Chambers -
1st Floor Huyton Municipal Building**

- FREE Buffet (available from 1)
- FREE £100 Prize draw for all attendees
- UNISON Goodie Bags
- Guest Speakers
- Partner Stalls incl Thomsons Solicitors
- Motions to organise and resist cuts.
- Election of Branch Officers & Stewards
- Activist of the Year Award

As Unison Members it is
VITAL YOU ATTEND!

The rules governing our union state that for this AGM to be carried out we must have a quorate of our membership in attendance. If we do not achieve this then the business of your union branch **CANNOT** be carried out on your behalf.

Therefore please make every effort to attend.

If any members have access requirements please contact the Branch Office

With regular updates from the Branch; get the latest news and event information at;



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Also, if you haven't already please update your details by emailing the branch office
admin@knowsley-unison.org.uk

KNOWSLEY UNISON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

1. Opening Remarks
2. Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting
3. Annual Reports
4. Election of Officers
5. Amendments to Rule
6. Motions for Debate



6.1 Honoraria Payments

This Annual General Meeting agrees to pay honoraria payments to the following Officers:

Auditors - £250 each provided that the accounts are duly audited and that the financial returns are received at UNISON Head Office in accordance with the deadline.

Treasurer - £500 provided that the accounts are duly audited and that the financial returns are received at UNISON Head Office in accordance with the deadline and on the understanding that the accounts are well managed and that detailed reports on the accounts are made either to the Branch Committee or the Finance & General Purposes Committee on alternate months.

Proposed by: James Robinson
Seconded by : Branch Committee

6.2 Organise & Resist

Knowsley UNISON recognises the threats posed by the majority Conservative Government to UNISON members, public services and to the country as a whole following the outcome of the General Election on the 12th December 2019.

Living standards, pay, jobs, terms & conditions of service and pensions amongst other things will be subject to increasing attacks over the coming period.

In addition, workers' rights, health and safety legislation are likely to come under review as Government seeks to implement draconian changes to the constitution meaning legislative changes can pass law without parliamentary scrutiny.

It cannot be ignored that this Government is likely to attack the most vulnerable groups in our society including disabled, women, migrants, refugees, LGBT+, young people, and the elderly.

Racism is likely to thrive with increases in islamophobia, xenophobia and anti-Semitism, caused by a hostile media and a right wing Conservative led majority Government.
We must organise and resist all such attacks!

Finally, we must not forget that the Labour Party manifesto was and still is popular, with over ten million people across the UK voting for radical change. We must organise and resist any attempt to move away from this radical programme in the coming period through the Labour Link.

This AGM therefore resolves to:

1) Support the Branch in its call on the NEC to conduct an immediate review of the impact of the Conservative Manifesto, and in particular to:

- Identify those parts the union most at risk of attack
- Deploy resources within those vulnerable parts, including regional/national staff where required

This review should be undertaken in consultation with all Service Groups, Regions, Self Organised Groups and Branches, and should draw up a Plan of Resistance to be presented to the Annual Delegate Conference in 2020 for approval, including:

- Full support for campaigns to resist attacks including demonstrations, industrial action in accordance with UNISON's Rules, and other forms of protest. (National demonstrations need to be organised around the country, and not just take place in London, in order to get our message across as widely as possible and to involve as many members as possible.)
- Wherever appropriate, joint work with other trade unions for maximum solidarity.

2) Work with Self Organised Groups to identify and resist attacks that disproportionately fall on Black Members, Women, LGBT+ and Disabled members.

3) Work with the Labour Link to resist movements away from a programme of radical political change that has inspired so many.

4) Campaign, organise and resist privatisation of public services in any form particularly the NHS.

5) Campaign and organise for adequate funding of all public services.

6) Campaign for a properly funded real terms pay rise for UNISON members across all sectors.

7) Resist attacks on Trade Unions and Trade Union members, representatives and officers.

8) Explore the possibility of providing appropriate materials for UNISON members to educate them on the issues they will be facing and how being part of a Trade Union offers the potential solution.

Proposed by : James Robinson

Seconded by : Branch Committee

Amendments to these motions bearing the Names and Signatures of the Proposer and Secunder should be received in the Branch Office no later than 5 pm on Friday 31st January 2020.

Agenda Continued.....

7. **Special Guest Speaker**
8. **Activist of the Year Award**
9. **Prize Draw**

Retired Members Activities

The Branch Retired Members group has kept up activities over the past year, and is determined to continue this in 2020. We are also active at Regional and National levels of UNISON.

Our Retired Members Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February.

This meeting is open to all Retired Members. In order to assist with catering, please let the Branch Office know that you will attend, 0151 548 0148, email admin@knowsley-unison.org.uk

In addition, there will be an open meeting for all retired members in the North West Region of UNISON on **Friday 24th January at County Hall Preston at 10:30am.**

There has never been a greater need for retired people to organize, the UK has one of the lowest old age pensions in Europe, and there is always the possibility of the Government trying to attack our occupational pensions again. As we speak proposals are in hand to remove the right to free TV licences from the over 75's.

If you are a retired member, come to our AGM and find out more!



A Celebration of Our Year!

