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Don't Forget Workers Memorial Day Friday 28th April 2017

Rochdale UNISON will be taking part in the annual commemoration of workers who are injured and killed as a result of hazards at work.



At 1:00pm on Friday 28th April a wreath will be laid by the Rochdale UNISON memorial tree in the Memorial Gardens opposite Rochdale Town Hall, along with two minutes silence as a mark of respect.
All are welcome.

We have officer vacancies for the following posts:

Women's Officer and Young Members Officer

if you are interested in any of these voluntary positions,
please contact the branch on 01706 925951/52

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Greater Manchester Citizens Assembly

The biggest event of the Greater Manchester mayoral election process takes place on bank holiday Monday, May 1st, at the Lowry Theatre in Salford.

Mayoral candidates will hear first hand from local members of Citizens UK as they raise key issues for the people of Greater Manchester:

- dignity in social care
- tackling hate crime
- the real living wage
- housing and homelessness

UNISON members working in social care will describe their experiences and concerns and we will be looking for candidates to pledge support to improve services and employment conditions.

This will be a family-friendly bank holiday event, suitable for people of all ages. It takes place at the Lowry Theatre, Salford M50 3AZ from 2pm to 4pm on Monday 1st May.

People from all parts of Greater Manchester are encouraged to come and be part of it. If you would like further details about the event please contact your local branch or Janet Caulfield at j.caulfield2@unison.co.uk

This is the first big event in Greater Manchester organised by Citizens - a community organising initiative which aims to articulate the voice of people from a diverse range of backgrounds and organisations. Greater Manchester Citizens is the newest chapter of Citizens UK, and UNISON North West is a founding member.

You can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greater-manchester-citizens-mayoral-assembly-2017-tickets-31835330330>

Further to the recent Women's Committee's communication please find link below to register for a place at North West Women's Conference 2017 to take place at UNISON North West, Arena Point on Saturday 22nd July 2017 – 10am-3pm. The conference this year will focus on Women's Safety under a Tory Government – pay restraint, increased racism, safety in the community, lack of suitable housing and Brexit. Speakers are to be finalised but invitations have been extended to Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI) campaigners, Merseyrail Guards on Trains, Community Policing and Personal Safety.



This year we hope to have the biggest attendance yet at our conference by encouraging as many UNISON women to attend the conference - this in line with the committee's objectives to increase participation. Participants to the conference do not need to have any previous experience and will be made most welcome at the event. Places are limited so please book early. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unison-north-west-womens-conference-2017-tickets-33508276156>

All English schools face real cuts to funding

All schools in England face real cuts in the funds they will receive per pupil after the introduction of a new national funding formula, according to a report.

The implications of the National Funding Formula for schools report, which is published by the Education Policy Institute today, says that the cuts will be between 6% and 11% per pupil for half of all primary and secondary schools by 2019-20. Latest Education Policy Institute report confirms unions' warning over effects of new National Funding Formula

This mirrors the findings of a joint school unions campaign, launched in January, that found that nearly every school will face real-terms cuts after increases in inflation and additional costs are taken into account – averaging £403 a year for each primary school pupil and £554 for each secondary pupil.

The government's consultation on the new funding formula closed on Wednesday, 22 March, but there has been anger at the changes across England, with Conservative MPs among those calling for changes.

Trade unions warn that, without more money being put in, any new changes to benefit some schools will mean others losing out even more.

That is why UNISON has joined other school unions in England to campaign for more funding across the board.

"If we don't get it, then jobs will be lost, and the most likely to go will be school support staff," says UNISON Head of Education Jon Richards.

"It's support staff who are first in line when schools make cuts and we are already seeing job losses – particularly among school office staff.

"But without these unsung heroes, schools can't run smoothly. They are the ones who ring parents when their children don't turn up for school, sort out police checks and help struggling pupils.

"They play a vital role in keeping children safe, they shouldn't be seen as surplus to requirements when money is tight."

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