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Rochdale UNISON AGM—26th February 2020

Rochdale UNISON annual general meeting will be on Wednesday 26th February 2020.

The annual general meeting will be held at three venues:

Environmental Management Green Lane Heywood

7.00—7.30 am

Reception Room Rochdale Town Hall

12.00 -1.15pm

Middleton Cricket Club

5.30 - 6.45pm

Branch Successes in 2019

We have had a number of successful Personal Injury and welfare claims for our members during 2019 to ease the burden during difficult times or following on from an accident. Our members are entitled to 100% of the personal injury claims.

Get help with winter fuel bills

Members living on a low income constantly struggle to make ends meet – and this can be particularly acute in the winter when the cost of heating homes rises as the outside temperature falls.

But it's not all bad news – help IS available. The union's welfare charity There for You has once more set up a limited fund to help members on low incomes towards the cost of their winter fuel bill through a one-off payment of £40.

The process is very similar to previous years and an amount of money has been ring-fenced to support this initiative. However, once it's gone it's gone!

So don't miss out. Apply early and send your form and supporting paperwork in as soon as possible. All the information you need can be found below. Alternatively, contact UNISON Direct on 0800 0857 857 for a form to be sent to you.



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Call UNISON
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We will Fightback- Statement by Rena Wood Regional Convenor NW UNISON

Thursday's election results were incredibly tough to take for everyone associated with the Labour movement. I was devastated when I saw the results of the exit poll on Thursday. I know what this Tory majority will mean for our members.

5 more years of cuts to public services. 5 more years of attacks on our jobs and pensions. 5 more years of divide and rule by a Prime Minister who cares for no-one but himself.

We are approaching a decade of Tory-led governments. People are suffering and there is an urgent need for change- sadly that change was not delivered at the ballot box last week.

The health service is creaking after a decade of austerity, proving that you can never trust a Tory with our beloved NHS. Johnson may have undertaken a nationwide tour of hospitals in order to boost his party's NHS credentials but the most telling photograph of the campaign was that of a four-year old boy called Jack who was forced to sleep on the floor at Leeds General Hospital. Johnson blithers and blusters but nothing he says can hide the crisis facing our health service.

Despite the attacks our members working in the NHS face, we will continue to fight back. I look forward to seeing successful outcomes for all of our health service members who are currently taking part in industrial action in the North West.

Council services have also been decimated and care services are now actually breaking down across the country with low-paid workers working long hours to support vulnerable people.

The national picture is bleak, but we owe it to our members and our communities to fight back. And it is clear that trade unions will be central to the fight against Johnson and his divisive and destructive Government. We must all do our bit to strengthen our union- not just to fight Tory cuts but to go on the offensive and win improvements for our members and communities across the North West.

To read the full statement go to http://www.unisonnw.org/we_will_fight_back?fbclid=IwAR2I1akpq24BsjSli-14GARfHuEYo4I2vUc2taNMTliJoke4CuhI5c0KHuc

Term Time Only Campaign

The Term Time only collective Campaign Grievance has now been submitted to Rochdale Council with over 700 UNISON members names included. We will keep our members updated.

Rochdale UNISON wishes all its members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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