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250,000 March Against Austerity

UNISON members joined the massive Peoples Assembly demonstration against austerity on 20th June. NHS campaigners, bed room tax protesters, tax justice groups, housing rights activists and trade unionists filled the streets of London to make this one of the biggest protests there has been so far against the cuts.

The march was just the beginning of a movement to end this Governments' austerity agenda. Thousands more are likely to take to the streets when the Tories bring their conference to Manchester Central (formally known as GMEX centre) in Manchester in October. UNISON will be working with others to make this a large and successful protest.

But we won't just wait for the next march to come along. Our members are experiencing the sharp end of the cruel cuts this Government are making right now. Rochdale Council are planning an extra £39million of cuts. UNISON will be representing all members facing redundancy and fighting to keep decent public services for the people of this borough. If you are reading this and you are not a member you should think about joining UNISON.

We have officer vacancies for the following posts:

Women's Officer, Voluntary Sector Officer and Membership Officer—if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the branch on 01706 925951/52 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk

Not a UNISON member? Join today online at joinunison.org or complete and return the application form on the back-page of this newsletter

Three simple ways to join UNISON today:

Join online at
Joinunison.org

Call UNISON
0800 171 2193

Fill in the form on the
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address below

Turn2us– National Charity helping people in Financial Hardship

Turn2us is a National Charity helping people in financial hardship to access welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services- online, by phone and face to face through partner organisations and volunteers.

Turn2us provide help and assistance through their website, helpline and also by providing training workshops to partners so they can provide face-to-face advice using online tools.

On the Turn2us website there is a free online benefits calculator and grant search tool to find out what support you might be eligible for.

To find out more visit the website: www.turn2us.org.uk or call the help line 0808 802 2000 (9am-8pm Monday-Friday)

Lighthouse Financial Advice

Expert financial advice for UNISON members

Lighthouse Financial Advice is UNISON Plus endorsed provider and has been providing financial advice to UNISON members since 2007.

Lighthouse can help members to address financial matters– such as Retirement planning, protecting your family, Pension advice and Redundancy.

To find out more visit the Lighthouse Financial Advice website: www.lighthousefa.co.uk/unison or call 08000 85 85 90: Monday-Thursday 9am-7:30pm, Friday 9am– 6pm, Saturday 10am– 2pm

UNISON Self Organised Groups:

UNISON Nationally has four self-organised groups for Black members; disabled members; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members; and women members. UNISON also have equality groups for young members and retired members.

Rochdale UNISON currently has an active retired members group that always welcome new members to their meetings and we encourage and would support the set up of any other of the above self organised groups.

- If you are interested in setting up a self organised group
- If you are due to retire/ have retired and are interested in attending the retired members meetings (meet 2nd Tuesday of each month at Rochdale Town Hall)
- Then please contact the Rochdale UNISON Branch Office for more information.

Change of details/email addresses

If you have recently changed your details i.e. moved address or work location it is important you let the Branch Office know as we need to ensure our records are up to date , so you can receive all the relevant information from UNISON.

Update on Removal of Essential Car User Allowance

UNISON can confirm that Rochdale Borough Council Management have stated what modes of transportation will be made available to employees in their Sector/ Service.

You should be able to undertake all the tasks in your post without having to provide a car with Business Insurance.

If any members feel that they have still not been given clear guidance then please let your UNISON Steward know in order for your Union to support and assist.

TTIP– What is TTIP!

War on Want's overview:

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is a comprehensive free trade and investment treaty currently being negotiated – in secret – between the European Union and the USA. As officials from both sides acknowledge, **the main goal of TTIP is to remove regulatory 'barriers' which restrict the potential profits to be made by transnational corporations** on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yet these 'barriers' are in reality some of our most prized social standards and environmental regulations, such as labour rights, food safety rules (including restrictions on GMOs), regulations on the use of toxic chemicals, digital privacy laws and even new banking safeguards introduced to prevent a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis.

For more information please visit: www.waronwant.org/what-ttip

Or visit secure.38degrees.org.uk/ttip to sign the EU Petition, where you can email your MEP about TTIP, download leaflets, or meet other people in your area who are campaigning on TTIP.

UNISON's view:

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is a proposed trade deal between the EU and US.

UNISON believes TTIP is a profound threat to public services which will not only lead to further liberalisation but which will make it harder for government to regulate private companies providing public services and could effectively prevent a future government bringing those services back in-house.

For a UNISON TTIP Briefing booklet or leaflets/ postcards to write to your MP please contact the UNISON Branch Office on 01706 925951/2 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk.



Join UNISON – essential cover if you work in public services

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