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Say no to NASS

UNISON's Local Government conference hears call to boycott government's controversial new scheme.

Speakers at the Local Government conference in June called for a boycott of the government's controversial plan to introduce an accreditation system for children and family social workers. Malcolm Jarvis of Salford moved a motion to Say no to National Assessment and Accreditation, telling delegates that the work done by social workers in children's services is "absolutely crucial to the welfare of children and families".

Yet, at a time when children's services are experiencing a funding shortfall of £600m, the government is giving £23m to private companies – including private construction company Mott MacDonald – to devise, carry out and oversee tests.

Delegate after delegate spoke out against the assessments, which they said would add to the pressures faced by social workers without bringing any benefits.

Jane Beckman from Sefton said she was "appalled and dismayed" by the government's treatment of social workers, saying the real culprit for failures in the children and family system is "The government's total lack of funding for children's services".

The reason given by the government for introducing the assessments, said Dina Leach from Brighton and Hove, was because of the failure of authorities to act in the Rochdale and Rotherham child abuse scandals. However, Ms Leach said, in reality it was social workers who tried to bring the abuse to the attention of the police.

"Is the government taking this approach because social workers work with the poor and give them a voice?" she asked, adding, to loud applause: "Yes, because they would like to take away that voice."

School Uniform Grants from UNISON

UNISON is once more launching a scheme to help members on low incomes deal with the cost of buying school uniforms.

Families living on low income with children struggle constantly to make ends meet – and this can be particularly acute before the new school year begins when the extra costs hit hard.

The union's welfare charity There for You has once again got a limited fund to help members deal with the costs of school uniforms.

They are one-off grants of £40 per school age child, up to a total of £120

To be eligible you must be: • A member who has paid 4 weeks subscriptions before 14 May 2018 the launch date of this programme • Either receive Housing Benefit (or the housing element of Universal Credit) • Or have a total net annual household income of £18,000 or less. There are four ways to apply for a School Uniform Grant:

- Download forms from website <https://www.unison.org.uk/news/article/2018/05/school-uniform-grants/>
- Contact UNISON Direct on 0800 0857 857 for a form to be posted to you
- Contact your local UNISON branch for a form

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is **Friday 20 July 2018.**

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£8,001 – £11,000	☐ £6.60	☐ £30,001 – £35,000	☐ £20.30
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