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June Poole, UNISON Activist

UNISON North West is sorry to report the death on 21 August 2015 of June Poole, a much respected activist at branch, regional and national levels of the union.

June was a member of Rochdale Local Government branch, the Community service group executive and a well known champion of equalities.

June was a strong campaigner for disability rights, a leading member of the North West women's committee and an active member of Labour Link.

Alongside her close friend Anne McAleer over many years June worked tirelessly for UNISON's welfare organisation *'There for You'*.

We have officer vacancies for the following posts:

Women's Officer, Voluntary Sector Officer, Membership Officer and Welfare 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:

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Joinunison.org

Call UNISON

0800 171 2193

Fill in the form on the back and send it to the 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)

National Women's Conference 2016

The UNISON National Women's conference will be held from Thursday 11th February to Saturday 13th February 2016 in Brighton.

A Women's meeting has been arranged for 12:45pm on Thursday 24th September 2015 at the Rochdale UNISON Branch Office, 46 Richard Street, Rochdale to discuss the Women's Conference 2016 and to elect delegates to attend.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Conference or are interested in attending please either come along to the Women's meeting on the 24th September or contact the UNISON Office on 01706 925951/52 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk

National Black Members Conference 2016

The UNISON National Black Members conference will be held from Friday 22nd January to Sunday 24th January 2016 in Llandudno North Wales.

Participation from black members is an important integral part of the democratic process of the union, we aim to encourage and support participation from our black members in the North West Region.

If you are interested in attending the Conference, finding out more about it or are interested in setting up a Branch Black Members Group please contact the UNISON Office on 01706 925951/52 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk

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.

Pension Primer – a one day introduction to your pension

Delivered by 'Mr Pensions' himself - Dave McMonnies – an acclaimed expert in the field

Covering:

- Your Pensions Options
- How your Pension will be calculated
- The new Pension schemes
- Flexible and phased retirement
- Improving your pension
- Individual pension guidance

If you're in the NHS Scheme dates are:

20th November in Liverpool
27th November in Manchester
4th December in Preston

If you're in the Local Government Scheme dates are:

19th November in Liverpool;
26th November in Manchester
3rd December in Preston

If you are a UNISON Member interested in attending one of the above courses, please contact the UNISON Office by phone on 01706 925951/52 or email: unison@rochdale.gov.uk for an application form.

Sunday 4th October, rally and march, Manchester

The 'short, sharp shock' of austerity we were promised by the Conservatives continues into its sixth year with no sign of ending.

And those who keep our vital public services running have been on the sharpest and most shocking end of it: pay freezes, cuts, redundancies and restructuring have become the daily grind.

And now the Trade Union Bill seeks to silence your union when we speak up for you – and is threatening your right to strike.

Join us in Manchester on Sunday 4th October on the first day of the Conservative Party conference to make your voice heard.

March against austerity. March for workers' rights!

12 noon Assemble Oxford Road (from All Saints Park, southwards)

1pm Rally

1.30pm March through city.

Find out more and download materials at:

www.unison.org.uk

www.tuc.org.uk/notoausterity

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