

END AUSTERITY NOW - NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

With the Tories going it alone in Government we know exactly what to expect. More nasty, destructive cuts to the things ordinary people care about- the NHS, the welfare state, education and public services.

The People's Assembly Against Austerity is calling a major national demonstration and festival on Saturday 20th June to send a clear message to the Tory Government; we demand an alternative to austerity and to policies that only benefit those at the top.

We'll be assembling the demonstration in the heart of the City of London right on the doorstep of the very people who created the crisis in the first place, the banks and their friends in Westminster. We demand that the bankers and elite should pay for the crisis and not the vast majority who had nothing to do with it.

Transport is being arranged from across the country. If you would like to go please contact Rochdale UNISON branch on 01706 925952/51 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk

RAFFLE WINNERS:

The raffle organised by Anne Farrow– UNISON Local Organiser took place on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th May at Number One Riverside to raise money for Springhill Hospice in Rochdale.

First prize goes to Janine Quinn in Children's services, 2nd prize goes to Karen Hurley in the NHS CCG the draw was made by the Branch Treasurer.

Congratulations to Janine and Karen

Three simple ways to join UNISON today:

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UNISON submits pay claim for 2015-16

Following March's Special Local Government Conference, UNISON has submitted an additional 2015-16 pay claim to the Local Government Employers.

The claim, for workers covered by National Joint Council for Local Government Services in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (NJC), is for: the full-time equivalent living wage rate of £7.85 per hour to be the minimum pay value of the NJC pay spine; Rochdale Council are already paying this but nationally some local councils are not. An equivalent flat-rate pay increase is to be applied to all other NJC pay scale points.

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)

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

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.

Workers Memorial Day Tuesday 28th April 2015

The successful event in the Memorial Gardens was attended by Rochdale UNISON Activists and members, various Councillors, the Mayor, Council Leader- Councillor Richard Farnell, Liz McInnes MP and other members of the community. A short speech was delivered by Councillor Farnell before holding a 2 minutes silence and wreath laying. The Town Hall flags were lowered to half-mast on the day.

School Uniform Grants

‘There for you ‘ are once again launching the **School Uniform Grant programme for 2015**

Are you: struggling to cope with the rising cost of living?
finding that you’re having to economise in every area of expenditure?

Help is on hand: ‘There for you ‘ have set up a limited fund to help UNISON members on low income with school uniform costs by way of a one-off payment of up to £120.

To apply or find out more about other help that is available visit unison.org.uk/thereforyou to download an application form. Alternatively you can contact your UNISON Branch on 01706 925952/51 or request an application via email to unison@rochdale.gov.uk. The criteria for eligibility is within the application form.

Please note the closing date for receipt of applications is 10th July 2015.

UNISON Protect– Accidental Death Cover

Make the most of your UNISON membership and don't miss out on your FREE £5,000 of Accidental Death Cover! The cover lasts for 12 months and acceptance is guaranteed for UK residents aged 18-64.

It's quick easy and is yet another reason why it pays to be a UNISON member. To see all the details, find out more by visiting www.unisonprotect.com or by calling 0800 033 4182 for a quote.

After your application you'll receive a call to take further details, activate your cover and explain other benefits available.

Metro Moneywise

Why not recommend a colleague, partner or family member and receive £25!

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Metro Moneywise Credit Union, Globe House, Moss Bridge Road
Rochdale OL16 5EB

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Please give your ethnic origin: (tick one box)			
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