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Annual General Meeting

Rochdale UNISON is holding its annual general meeting over 2 days on 2nd and 3rd March 2022. We have done it this way to give all our members an opportunity to attend.

There will be 5 meetings available – 4 physical meetings and 1 virtual meeting via Zoom.

2nd March - 6.30am @ Green Lane Heywood – physical meeting

2nd March - 7.00am @ Green Lane Heywood – physical meeting

2nd March - 12.30pm – Virtual Meeting – via Zoom

3rd March – 1.00 - @ St Andrews Methodist Church, Entwisle Rd Rochdale - physical meeting

3rd March – 5.30pm @ Middleton Cricket Club – physical meeting

You only need to attend one meeting but you are welcome to attend more than one if you want to. The Annual General Meeting will elect your Branch Officers, Auditors, and Representatives and ratify the election of Workplace Stewards for the forthcoming year. Elections will also be made for National and Local Government Conference 2022.

Please contact the branch on 01706 925951 / 52 or email unison@rochdale.gov.uk to register your place at one of the meetings. To attend the virtual meeting, we will need your email address to send you the log in details.

Pay campaign continues

UNISON members who work in local government and schools were recently balloted to see if we would be willing to take strike action over the Government's 1.75% pay offer for 2021-2022. Although 70% of those who cast a vote voted in favour of strike action the turnout was under 50%. UNISON members will not therefore be called on to take strike action over the 2021-2022 pay offer.

Inflation particularly in gas prices and food continues to rise faster than our wages. We need a substantial pay increase to reverse years of real terms pay decrease since 2010. UNISON will continue to campaign for a fair pay increase for all of our members who have worked so hard throughout the pandemic.

Winter fuel payments

UNISON is offering help to low paid workers with a one off winter fuel payment of £200.

Am I eligible?

you must be a UNISON member and have paid at least four weeks subscriptions at the time of applying; you do not have savings of more than £1,000, which includes rolling bank balance; only one application per household will be considered; you/your partner are responsible for household fuel bills.

And either ...

you are on a low income:

for a single person, this means under £18,200 per annum/£350 per week;

for a family this means under £26,000 per annum/£500 per week.

Or ...

you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

housing benefit;

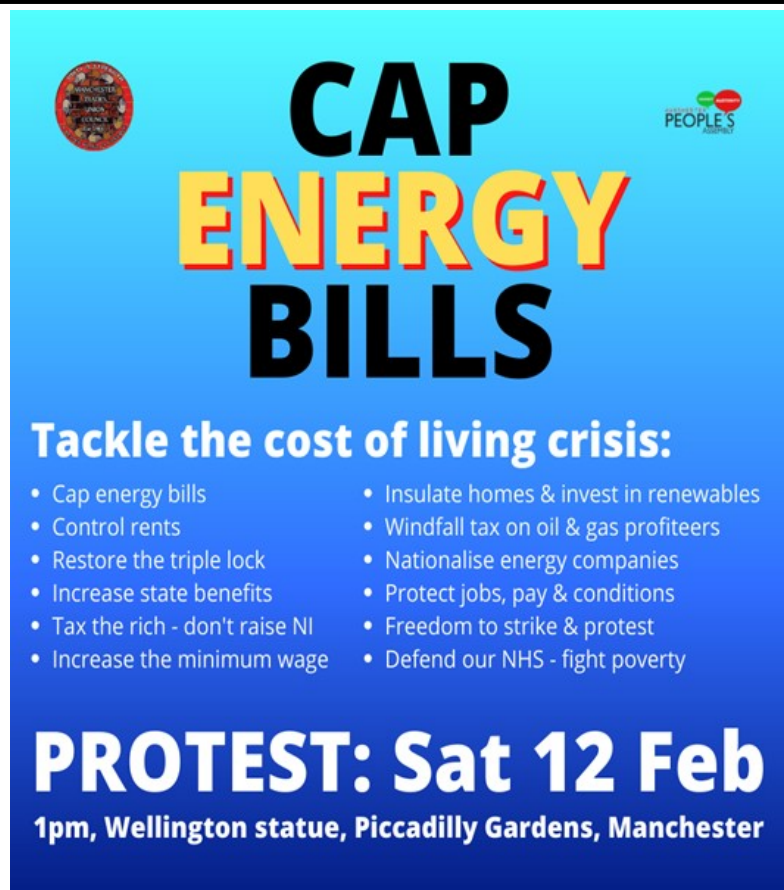
universal credit.

To apply follow this link: <https://www.unison.org.uk/winter-fuel-grants/>

Cost of living protest

UNISON North West are encouraging all members to join a protest over the rising cost of living.

Please join us in Manchester if you can on Saturday 12th February at 1pm in Piccadilly Gardens.



CAP ENERGY BILLS

Tackle the cost of living crisis:

- Cap energy bills
- Control rents
- Restore the triple lock
- Increase state benefits
- Tax the rich - don't raise NI
- Increase the minimum wage
- Insulate homes & invest in renewables
- Windfall tax on oil & gas profiteers
- Nationalise energy companies
- Protect jobs, pay & conditions
- Freedom to strike & protest
- Defend our NHS - fight poverty

PROTEST: Sat 12 Feb

1pm, Wellington statue, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester

Please check that your UNISON colleagues have received this newsletter electronically—if not please ask them to contact the branch on 01706 925952 or email_unison@rochdale.gov.uk so we can update their membership record