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Council and school worker pay 2024

Following the results of our council and school pay ballot, UNISON's committee of leading activists decided not to pursue industrial action. The joint decision for the local government unions (UNISON, GMB and Unite) was made to accept the pay offer for 2024 of an increase of £1,290 on all NJC pay points (pro rata'd for part-time and term time only staff). The pay award will be backdated to 1 April 2024. **Thank you to everyone who voted.**

Rochdale UNISON fundraising for Medical Aid for Palestinians



Rochdale UNISON members took part in the TUC national day of action for a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon on 10th October. As part of the day we did a collection for Medical Aid for Palestinians.

A total of £500 was raised on the day and from donations received afterwards to the charity. Thank you to everyone who donated. For those still wanting to donate you can do so here: <https://www.map.org.uk/>

Winter Essentials Grant

If you're a UNISON member on a low income, you may be eligible to apply for a £200 voucher towards your food shopping. **Applicants must:**

- Be a UNISON member and have paid at least four weeks' subscriptions as of 11 December 2024. Subscriptions must be up to date.
- Not have received a grant from UNISON Welfare since 11 June 2024, excluding the School Uniform Grant.
- Have savings (including the total combined rolling balance on current accounts) below £1,000 to qualify.
- Must be responsible (or their partner, if applicable) for household fuel bills. Only one application per household will be considered.
- **And EITHER:**

Be on a low income, meaning a net household income of no more than £26,000/year (£2,166.67/month)**

OR:

Be in receipt of means-tested benefits. This includes:

- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Child and/or Working Tax Credits
- Pension Credit
- Means-tested Jobseekers Allowance
- Means-tested Employment Support Allowance
- Income Support

Apply online for the grant on Wednesday 11 December using this link: <https://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you/winter-essentials-grant/>

If you are unable to complete the application due to a disability access need, please email: weg@unison.co.uk or call UNISONdirect on 0800 0 857 857.