

UNISON

Cheshire East

Newsletter

April 2025

AGM prize draw winners!

As advertised, we held a prize draw open to all our branch members who attended an AGM meeting online or in person. There were 6 meetings and 6 winners who received a £30 gift card each. Please watch this space for further offers and incentives from Unison.

Membership Details

Moved house, changed your name or started a new job?



Remember to update your membership details

You can update your details online at:
unison.org.uk/my-unison



Please do take five minutes to check and update your membership details by logging on to My Unison or contact the branch direct on the telephone or email below.

PAY CLAIM 2025



It's time for fair pay

Council & school worker pay 2025

Our claim is for:

- An increase of at least £3,000 across all NJC spinal column points.
- A clear plan to reach a minimum pay rate of £15 an hour.
- One extra day of annual leave for all staff.
- A reduction in the working week by two hours, with no loss of pay.
- The ability for school staff to take [at least] one day of their annual leave during term time, with no loss of pay

Assistant Branch Secretary Ballot



All members should have received their ballot paper through the post with the election statements for the two candidates. Please return your ballot paper in the FREEPOST envelope by 5pm on Friday 25th April 2025.

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Due to retire soon....

Retired and working members have a shared interest in the provision of a decent income in older age. Today's workers are tomorrow's pensioners. UNISON members work in public services, on which older people are heavily reliant. We believe that once members retire they deserve to go on benefitting from union membership. Retired members in UNISON continue to be entitled to the wide range of benefits on offer, such as discounts on insurance, financial services and breakdown cover. Plus, UNISON's own charity, There For You, provides exclusively for members and dependents at times of special need. It also runs a free and confidential debt advice referral scheme. Retired membership involves a one-off subscription of £15 that provides some continuity and support at what is a significant time in your life. Application forms are available from our Branch Office on 01244 346894. Or join online at <https://join.unison.org.uk/>. For details of our Branch Retired Members' Group contact Olga Kokkinis on 07530306657.

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF NEGOTIATING BODY (SSSNB)



Unison is at the forefront of exciting new legislation for school support staff. Working with the government to create a new negotiating body which will decide pay, terms and conditions, as well as taking a new approach to staff training and development. The SSSNB will include all types of state funded schools, including academies and schools with multi academy trusts.

BRANCH WORKLOADS

Another very busy few months in the branch. Here's an overview of some of the work we have been focusing on:

- Orbitas Brereavement Services and ANSA Environmental Services have transferred back into Cheshire East Council.
- Cheshire East ICT Shared Services disaggregation of staff between two local authorities with two new staffing restructures, one in Cheshire East and one in Cheshire West still ongoing.
- Cheshire East Youth Justice Services transferred to Cheshire West and Chester.
- 88 school catering contracts TUPED from Cheshire East to new catering providers.
- Multiple school TUPE transfers.
- Representing members, providing support/advice.
- Attendance at all corporate and directorate meetings.

Five Reasons Why you should join UNISON



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