

UNISON *news*

WEST CHESHIRE LG BRANCH SWITCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016



For your chance to win, all you need to do is ensure UNISON has up-to-date contact details for you.

If we can easily contact you we can support you better, and together we will be stronger in UNISON. This is vital now because unions are under attack as never before.

The prize

1 x £10,000 CASH

Provided by UNISONProtect.com – life insurance with money back if you don't claim

3 x Family holidays worth up to £2,000

Provided by UIA Mutual – UNISON's home, travel and pet insurance partner

20 x Health and dental plans worth up to £300

Provided by UNISON Health & Dental Plans – get 100% money back at the dentists, opticians and more

OPTION 1: send a single text to **07860-020461** with—either your UNISON membership number or your NI Number and your email address

OPTION 2: visit www.unison.org.uk/win to verify that you're a UNISON member

UNISON West Cheshire Branch are also going to run a prize draw offering 2 x £100 vouchers each month for the duration of the Switch Project — this will start in March 2016 — so please remember *you have to be in it to win it* you know it makes sense — so SWITCH NOW!!

See page 2 for the

Reasons to Switch -

and the answers to any questions you may have about the process and what your employer thinks about switching.

DON'T DELAY...

SWITCH TODAY.

Don't lose your trade union membership. Switch to Direct Debit.

What's going on?

The Government wants to stop public sector staff being able to pay union subs directly from wages through payroll.

What does my employer think about this?

Your employer is content with the current arrangement on union subs which does not cost them anything. The employer has a good relationship with UNISON and encourages union membership.

Why is this happening?

This is part of the Government's Trade Union Bill. The Bill subjects public sector trade unions to more interference and red tape. We believe that the Government wants to make it harder for people to combine together to protect and advance their interests at work. We mustn't let them succeed.

Why would the Government want to do this?

Working life is getting harder for public sector employees, with fear of redundancy, increasing workloads and a continuing cap on pay. The Government plans to accelerate the pace of funding cuts to our public services over the coming years. We believe that the Government thinks that it will be harder for them to pursue their cuts agenda because of high levels of trade union organisation in the public sector.

Why is this important for me?

If you do not switch your payment method to direct debit your UNISON membership could expire. You would no longer be protected at work and no longer able to access support, advice and services that are exclusive to UNISON members. You and your colleagues would be more vulnerable to the impact of Government cuts on your service, your jobs and your pay and conditions.

What should I do?

It's easy to switch. You just need to complete a simple form with your bank details. UNISON organisers will be on site in the coming weeks to help you make the switch. You can fill in a paper form or do it online at unisonnw.org/switch.

It is a very important time for you and your colleagues to be trade union members.



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Get active

Our activists and reps are organisers who talk to, recruit and organise members around workplace issues, hold meetings, undertake surveys and help run ballots. They give members information about union issues by publicising campaigns, distributing leaflets and keeping members informed about and involved in local negotiations.

They are advisers and sounding boards, talking to members about workplace problems, advising on how to deal with these and arranging for help or advice from elsewhere in the union or other sources.

They represent and speak on behalf of members in their workplace.

For more information contact your branch and ask about getting active



Training and new skills

UNISON runs a range of education and training courses available to all members. So whether you want to get active in UNISON, advance your career or simply learn for fun, check out what UNISON has to offer. Our network of branch education co-ordinators and union learning reps can point you in the right direction and we also offer all new members a choice of free one day workshops to help you at work and in everyday life. To find out more call 08000 857 857 or email- learningandorganising@unison.co.uk

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Make the switch and stay covered

Simply complete this form and send it to:
 Freepost RTKY-SCET-RTSK
 UNISON, Arena Point, 1 Hunts Bank Approach,
 Manchester M3 1UN.

1 Tell us about you

Title	First name
Surname / family name	
Date of birth	
Home address	
Postcode	
Best email to contact you on	
Phone number (please indicate if home, work or mobile)	
UNISON membership number	OR
National insurance number (from your payslip)	
Employer and workplace/department	

Please go to unison.org.uk/privacy-policy to see how we will protect and use your personal information.

2 What you will pay each month

Please tick the appropriate box for your earnings before deductions.

Annual pay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Your subscription
Up to £2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1.30
£2,001 – £5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£3.50
£5,001 – £8,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£5.30
£8,001 – £11,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£6.60
£11,001 – £14,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£7.85
£14,001 – £17,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£9.70
£17,001 – £20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£11.50
£20,001 – £25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£14.00
£25,001 – £30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£17.25
£30,001 – £35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£20.30
over £35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£22.50

3 Pay by direct debit

Please complete the direct debit form below

I wish to authorise deduction of subscriptions by direct debit

Signature	Date
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Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit



Please fill in the form and send to:

**Freepost RTKY-SCET-RTSK
 UNISON, Arena Point, 1 Hunts Bank
 Approach, Manchester M3 1UN.**

Name(s) of Account holder(s)

Bank / building society account number

Branch sort code

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.



Service User Number

9 7 0 0 5 0

Reference number (for office use only do not complete)

Please pay UNISON Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with UNISON and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

FOR UNISON OFFICIAL USE ONLY

This is not part of any instruction to your bank or building society.

Please take my payment on

1st of month 15th of month

Tick appropriate box

Signature(s)

Date