

Hello again from Notts UNISON April 5th 2022

Free COVID testing ending, gas and electricity price increases, postage stamp costs going up, council tax increases, national insurance rates changing. So far April has been a month of challenge.

Your branch is busy supporting members individually and collectively with issues that matter to them.



The Branch Communication group continues to use social media, can you help us by joining that group as a volunteer? All meetings are held remotely. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; search:

Notts UNISON Branch

Like, follow and share in 2022

We will use social media more and more to reach members this year so make sure that you are with us.



Did you know: Notts UNISON has used surveys to gather member views on important issues in two employers during March/early April? We have used the information with the employers and in one case with the relevant Government body. We only send surveys via email so check that we have an email address and mobile number for you. Ask your colleagues/friends if they have given us their email address, they can update their information here:

<https://www.unison.org.uk/my-unison/>

Would you like to find out more about the work UNISON does to empower women? During March, East Midlands Region ran a workshop covering topics such as mental health and mindfulness, self defence, networking, parental leave ...

If you couldn't get this year, we hope you can make it next year - we owe it to ourselves to prioritise space & time in our busy life's to nurture ourselves and each other in a safe and supportive environment.

If you would like to become more involved in your UNISON Women's Network contact us and let us know, we would be happy to hear from you.

Link to [Report back from Empowering Women Workshop](#)

Our Annual General Meeting was well attended this year and several rule changes were agreed. As a member you are able to attend every AGM. They are usually held in March each year.

We will be holding virtual and in person events and stalls over the next few months, if you would like us to hold an event near you let us know.

You said we acted: Following a concerted effort by UNISON and other trade unions, academy orders were stopped for a large number of schools. There were technical steps that had not been taken. This sends a strong message to other potential academy sponsors. Locally now we are addressing issues with some of the schools who do want to become academies and will work with members on the new proposals when they arrive.

If you have a workplace concern don't keep it to yourself, contact us at

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