



BRIGHTON & HOVE UNISON AGM & 25TH ANNIVERSARY LAUNCH, 24 MARCH, 5-7.30PM, SYNDICATE WING, BRIGHTON CENTRE



Join us for a very special AGM, including the launch of Brighton & Hove Unison's 25th Anniversary year! The event is open to all Brighton & Hove Unison members. As well as our standard business and voting in of officers, there will also be some very special guests and more about the fantastic events and opportunities we are planning to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. More details have been emailed to all members direct.

Refreshments will be included and members have the option to join in person or virtually. Anyone who would like to are also welcome to join us for drinks after the meeting.

Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighton-hove-unison-agm-25th-anniversary-launch-tickets-245898969437 or contact the branch.

With special guests, **Caroline Lucas MP**, **Paul Holmes**, National President of Unison & star of 'I Daniel Blake' & Fisherman's Friends, **Dave Johns!**



BRANCH WEBSITE

Check out our branch website at www.brightonandhoveunison.org.uk.

It has pages on news, events, training and learning, and a helpful branch 'who's who'.

AFFILIATION WITH ACORN RENTERS UNION

Most workers in Brighton & Hove struggle with unaffordable and insecure housing. The branch is proud to have affiliated with Acorn Renters Union & we look forward to working in solidarity with them.



ARE YOU A DISABLED MEMBER?

2022 is **Year of the Disabled Worker** & Unison is asking for nominations to the South East Region Disabled Workers Committee.

If you are interested in this role please **let the branch know by 24 of February**.

UPCOMING EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

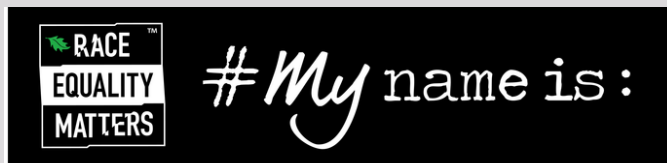
DIVEST PROTEST, OUTSIDE BRIGHTON TOWN HALL 6-7PM THURSDAY 3

FEBRUARY: Join the campaign to divest Brighton & Hove Pensions from Fossil Fuels.



RACE EQUALITY WEEK & #MYNAMEIS CAMPAIGN: 7-13

February is Race Equality Week, and one of the main campaigns is around encouraging the adoption of phonetic name spelling on email signatures, zoom meetings and more. Find out more at raceequalitymatters.com/my-name-is/



TUC HEART UNIONS WEEK: #HeartUnions week, **14-20 February** is a chance to tell the story about why unions are vital for everyone at work, and encourage people who aren't yet in a union to join. If you'd like to help us spread the word in your workplace, get in touch!



NATIONAL PAY BALLOT



The results of Unison's national pay ballot was disappointing, with only 14.5% of ballots returned, way below the 50% required by current trade union legislation. However, of that 14.5%, 70% voted to keep the right to strike on last year's pay offer.

It is clear that the legislation is designed to limit & suppress people's right to withdraw their labour, but there were also

issues with the vote going out over Christmas, and the switch to home working meaning unions couldn't get into workplaces. We are still waiting to see what the return for our branch was. However, our **Branch Committee is keen to look at other ways that we can join together to fight for a proper pay rise. Get in touch if you would like to be part of this.**

GET IN TOUCH:



For urgent enquiries please call us on **01273 291611** otherwise you can email us at contact@brightonandhoveunison.org.uk

LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR UNION?

Here's just some of the ways to get more involved, develop new skills and meet new people:

CONFERENCES: Unison's two main conferences of the year are in Brighton this June & delegates need to be registered by 24 March. Let the branch know if you're interested.

WORKPLACE REP: The help Reps provide to their colleagues is vital to our union. Reps get comprehensive training & lots of support.

WORKPLACE CONTACT: A great role if you aren't sure if you want to be a Rep but would like to help spread the word about the benefits of being in a union.

CAMPAIGNING: help the branch with campaigns & promotional work.

MEET OUR EDUCATION CONVENOR



Matt is employed by the branch to represent members in schools and Further Education.

If you work in one of these settings and ever need advice or support, do get in touch:

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