

#### INIT TO WINIT July 2023 Edition



Happy 75th birthday to our NHS!

UNISON members will always stand-up to protect and improve our health service!

#### Higher Education Workers Strike for Fair Pay



UNISON HE members have been on strike for fair pay at universities across the North West. Workers at Manchester Met, Liverpool and Liverpool Hope universities saw strong support on the picket line as they stood up for vital public services and against low pay in higher education.

#### **AND MORE!**

- Security staff at Tameside Hospital & Salford Royal have voted to take industrial action against their employer EQUANS over fair pay.
- 2 out of 3 of the new UNISON presidential team are from the North West!
  Congratulations to Steve North and Julia Mwaluke.
- UNISON NW LGBT+ attended Salford Pride to talk about LGBT+ and workers rights.

#### Womens Conference Celebrates 30 Years of UNISON



As a union of a million women, UNISON was the first union to ensure that women are represented proportionally in the union. At women's conference last month, members celebrated by unveiling a brand new banner designed by Women's Committee!

33 UNISON North West members were trained as stewards this month!



## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

## Lynn Bowering

Lynn is a cleaning supervisor at the Universiity of Liverpool and has worked at the university for 25 years. This month she went on strike for fair pay.

Lynn encouraged all of her colleagues to come out on strike and was a source of joy and energy on the picket lines!





#### LYNN SAYS...

"I joined UNISON on my first day and think it's really important that workers have a voice at work and can support each other through tough times.

"Working in higher education, I have taken strike action many times as the government attack the sector. Some people think that university staff are well-off, but me and my colleagues are struggling. We need to win this!"

#### **GET MORE INVOLVED**

UNISON North West can only win with active members on the ground identifying issues and campaigning to win.

Will you get active? Register your interest by visiting the link below.



UNISON members in universities are out on strike for fair pay. Keep an eye on our regional social media channels to see how you can support them.



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#### northwest.unison.org.uk/get-involved







## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN A UNION



EARN MORE - On average, trade union members earn more and get better holiday and sick pay.



STRONG UNIONS KEEP WORKERS SAFE-You are 50% less likely to have an accident in a unionised workplace.



BETTER JOB SECURITY-Union members have more secure employment than non-union workers.





INCLUSIVITY- Strong unions make workplaces more inclusive of disabled, Black, LGBT+ and women workers.



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UNISON is the largest union in public services - Being in UNISON means that your voice gets heard on issues that matter to you at work.



UNISON can provide career development opportunities through member learning.



UNISON members win big in the North West - UNISON NW members have won

#### campaigns for pay and more.



UNISON has more reps than any other union - You are more likely to have support in your workplace or be able to stand up and represent your colleagues.



# UNISON provides legal and welfare services for members who need them.



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