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UNISON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. Your PERSONAL DETAILS

Please tick or fill in the boxes below

Mrs Ms Miss Mr Other

First name Other initial

Surname/Family name Date of birth

Home address

Postcode

National Insurance number (from your payslip)

Contact tel/voice/text/email

2. Your EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Employer's name

Your job title/occupation

Department/section

Workplace name and address

Postcode

Payroll number (from your payslip)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:
 UNISON, Bolton Metro Branch,
 27 Mawdsley St, Bolton, BL1 1LN.

3. WHAT YOU PAY - CURRENT RATES (set October 2003)

Please tick the appropriate box for your earnings before deductions.

Weekly pay	Annual pay	per week	per month	Band
Up to £38.47	Up to £2,000	£0.30	£1.30	A
£38.48-£96.16	£2,001-£5,000	£0.81	£3.50	B
£96.17-£153.84	£5,001-£8,000	£1.22	£5.30	C
£153.85-£211.53	£8,001-£11,000	£1.52	£6.60	D
£211.54-£269.23	£11,001-£14,000	£1.81	£7.85	E
£269.24-£326.92	£14,001-£17,000	£2.24	£9.70	F
£326.93-£384.61	£17,001-£20,000	£2.65	£11.50	G
£384.62-£480.76	£20,001-£25,000	£3.23	£14.00	H
£480.77-£576.92	£25,001-£30,000	£3.98	£17.25	I
£576.93-£673.08	£30,001-£35,000	£4.68	£20.30	J
£673.08+	over £35,000	£5.19	£22.50	K

Please tick this box if you are a student member in full-time education (including student nurses or Modern Apprentices). Your subscription is £10 per year.

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how often you are paid
 Weekly Fortnightly Four Weekly Monthly

4. POLITICAL FUND

UNISON's **Affiliated Political Fund (APF)** is used to campaign for and promote UNISON policy and the need for quality public services within the Labour Party, locally and nationally, in Parliament and Europe. UNISON APF affiliates to the Labour Party.

UNISON's **General Political Fund (GPF)** is used to pay for campaigning at branch, regional and national levels of the union and for research and lobbying in Parliament and Europe. It is independent of support for any political party.

It is important that you indicate a choice of fund by ticking one of the boxes below. Your subscription shown above includes a political fund payment so you do not pay any more by being in one of the funds.

If you have been a member of a trade union before, please state which one:

The information provided by you shall be recorded by UNISON for statistical purposes and used for sending you UNISON publications, ballot forms and otherwise communicating with you. If you do **NOT** want any mailings from UNISON, besides those required by statute, please tick this box

To keep you fully informed of the services we arrange for members we want you to receive details of benefits offered by or in conjunction with UNISON's affinity partners. The affinity partners are organisations with close links to UNISON that share our ambition to provide you with the best possible range of benefits. Under the Data Protection legislation we can only disclose your details to our affinity partners with your explicit consent. Therefore if you **WANT** to receive details of the full range of benefits you **MUST** tick this box

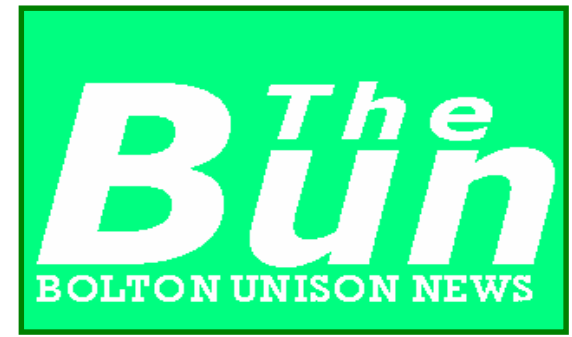
5. YOUR AUTHORISATION

- I wish to join UNISON and accept its rules and constitution.
- I authorise deduction of UNISON subscriptions from my salary/wages at the rate determined by UNISON in accordance with its rules to be paid over to them on my behalf and
- I authorise my employer to provide information to UNISON to keep my records up to date
- I authorise deduction of the following Political Fund payment as part of my subscription: Tick one box only

Affiliated Political Fund **General Political Fund**
 Now please sign and date below.

Signature
 Date

OTHER WAYS TO PAY (please tick if appropriate) direct debit cheque



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NEW YEAR PAY WARNING

**CHANCELLOR DARLING SAYS
 3 YEAR PAY DEAL FOR PUBLIC SECTOR**

The Chancellor Alistair Darling has announced that he intends to propose 3 year pay deals in the public sector in order to "help families plan for the future". This follows a recent statement by Darling and the Prime Minister Gordon Brown that "we are entering a period of international uncertainty". Branch Secretary Bernadette Gallagher stated that "in the current climate of housing, fuel and food inflation members would be reluctant to accept a 3 year pay settlement without a mechanism in place to re-open pay negotiations to protect members pay if inflation rose. As Alistair Darling has effectively ruled this out we would be looking for a one year pay deal that meets our members aspirations." The future of local government pay will be debated at branch meetings in February (see below).

**BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN
 STAFF FACE PAY CUTS**

UNISON members employed by Blackburn with Darwen Council are bracing themselves for huge cuts to pay under job evaluation. UNISON has withdrawn from negotiations after 1,900 staff were threatened with pay reductions ranging from £3,000 to £10,000. This will ring alarm bells for UNISON members awaiting the outcome of the Pay & Grading Review here in Bolton (due to be on the agenda at the February branch meetings).

POVERTY SCANDAL

An Institute of Public Policy Research study has revealed that the number of children in poverty with at least one parent working has stayed the same since 1997 (1.4 M). This is despite the fact that a Labour Government, was elected on a manifesto to halve child poverty by 2010 and to eradicate child poverty by 2020. Bernie Gallagher (Branch Secretary) said "the government needs to significantly increase the minimum wage and work with trade unions to make workplaces fairer and to tackle the exploitation of vulnerable workers".



**UNISON MEMBER
 MEETINGS
 FEBRUARY 2008**



**BOLTON METRO BRANCH
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:**

**Tuesday 26th February - 5:30 pm
 & Wednesday 27th February - 12:30 pm**

Both meetings will be in the Lancaster Suite, (upstairs) at Bolton Town Hall. A buffet will be provided, all members of Bolton Metro UNISON are entitled to attend and vote at one of these two meetings.

Important issues on the agenda will be:

- 2008 Local Government Pay Claim
- Equal Pay & the Pay & Grading Review
- Election of Branch Officers

Be sure to attend to find out what's going on & have your vote on important issues.

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DECEMBER 2007 QUIZ RESULTS

As many people will have guessed the Christmas music quiz was a bit on the easy side with more than one right answer for some of the questions.

The December winners are as follows:

Clive Owen — Crisis Team RBH
Alison Thornton — Parking Services

Congratulations, £10 vouchers will be on their way shortly.

TRAVEL QUIZ

OPEN TO ALL BRANCH MEMBERS

Can you name the capital city of the following countries? 2 Winners will receive £10 gift vouchers.

- 1) Australia
- 2) India
- 3) France
- 4) Holland
- 5) Canada
- 6) South Africa
- 7) Ireland
- 8) Jamaica
- 9) Belgium
- 10) Japan

Name

Address

Workplace/ Department.

Please cut out and return entries to Branch Office by end Feb 2008.

Wanted More Bank Holidays!

UK workers have amongst lowest in Europe

Trade unions have pledged to continue fighting to secure more bank holidays for UK workers. This is despite welcoming improved rights introduced in 2007.



Brendan Barber (TUC General Secretary) has said recently "The campaign goes on. We still want UK workers to have more bank holidays to catch up with the European average". Across Europe the average number of bank holidays is around 12-13 days, Britain currently has 8 (Northern Ireland has 10), France has 11, Germany has 15, Spain has 16, and Slovenia has the most with 18, only Romania has less with 7.5. Holiday company, Thomas Cook has launched a petition to increase the number of statutory days off. A survey of 150 Members of Parliament has indicated that over 50% would support the introduction of an additional day. Unions argue that there is a case for at least three additional days.

Unions are supporting a campaign for a special community day to recognise the value of communities and volunteering. Other popular suggestions include the various patron saints day and Remembrance Day on 11th November.



For more information check the TUC website:
<http://www.tuc.org.uk/extras/bankholidays.pdf>



NOT IN UNISON?

DON'T DELAY - JOIN TODAY

Bolton UNISON : Tel: 01204 338901/2
UNISON direct :Tel: 0845 355 0845

MEETING FOR CSW NETWORK STAFF

By Mark Gornall (Steward)

A UNISON meeting has been organised for Community Support Workers on the Learning Disability Networks to discuss work issues i.e. Job descriptions, Pensions, Pay & Grading.

Date: 30th January 2008

Time: 11am - 12:30 pm

Venue: Lancaster Suite, Bolton Town Hall.

TIME TO ELECT UNISON REPS

Each year UNISON members are entitled to elect/ re-elect workplace representatives or stewards at their workplace. This is normally done before the Annual General Meetings in February. Nomination forms are available. Look out for further details or alternatively contact Branch Office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOTIONS

All members can submit motions to the February meetings. Closing Date is 18th January.



CYCLING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Bolton UNISON member Rob Abrahamsen, who works in Connexions Service, will be doing a sponsored cycle from London to Paris in June. This is on behalf of Amnesty International who are raising funds to combat human rights abuses in general throughout the world, including those involved in trade union activities and prisoners of conscience. He is highlighting the plight of Rev. Bienvenido Samba Momesori of Equatorial Guinea, held in custody without charge or trial since October 2003. Arbitrary arrest and detention without charge or trial of "political opponents" is commonplace in Equatorial Guinea as in other parts of the world. Hence Amnesty's crucial role.

Rob has a £1,100 sponsorship target

Can you help? Members are able to sponsor him in 2 ways,

Online: www.justgiving.com/robonbike
(follow the simple instructions)

Sponsorship Form: C/o Connexions, 3rd Floor Paderborn House, Civic Centre

All donations will be appreciated and help Amnesty's continuing campaigns against human rights abuses throughout the world.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of the UNISON Strike Committee we would like to thank all members for the fantastic support which was shown to us during the recent industrial action taken by members working in Residential care in Adult Services and Children's Services. It is very heartening to know that other members not involved in the action are showing support either financially or morally. It is times like these when you realise the importance of solidarity from other members.

Yours Sincerely

Joan Pritchard-Jones,

Adult Services Steward

Shelagh Pilkington,

Children's Services Steward

UNISON SOCIAL EVENT

17th JANUARY - ROUNDHOUSE

(Near Tennyson Street, Halliwell)

7:30 pm — Midnight

TICKETS £4 FROM BRANCH OFFICE

Proceeds to Karen Reissmann Campaign

Any Unwanted Xmas gifts?

More raffle prizes appreciated!

COULD YOU BE A BRANCH OFFICER?

Each year UNISON members elect a new team of Branch Officers to help organise the union locally.

- Chairperson
- Branch Secretary
- Assistant Branch Secretary
- Treasurer
- Equalities Officer
- Health & Safety
- Education
- Communications
- New Technology
- Welfare
- Facilities
- Sports & Social
- International
- Lifelong Learning
- Young Members

Elections will be held at the February member meetings (see front page). Please do not hesitate to contact the Branch Office for information. Completed nomination forms must be received at Branch Office by 18th February.