

Branching Out



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Happy New Year to all our members! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to thank those members for their positive feedback regarding our first issue of our Branch Newsletter. We would like to thank John Gilder winner of the Name the Newsletter Competition for his suggestion of "Branching Out!". Thanks to everybody who submitted their suggestions.



(Above) Wendy Bradbury, Branch Chair and John Gilder

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- ◆ Bedrooms
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There are a number of national and thousands of local discounts available that you can access simply by presenting your card. You can easily find out where you can make the most of the card at www.lealtabenefits.com.

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We all know that the recent credit crunch is affecting us wherever it can so why not save a few extra pounds on the things you love to buy or treat yourself once in a while.

Pick up your UNISON discount card at our AGM held on 4th March 2009 (more details overleaf).

Discounts are available with instantly recognisable high street names and local retailers.

The cards will be available on a first come, first served basis so please attend to ensure you get yours and start saving the pennies now!

Young Members

Did you know that there is a dedicated Young Members Officer here at the Branch Office – Tracy Delaney.

A Young Member is defined as being under 27 years old. Tracy is keen to hear from any Young Member who has problems or issues at work.

On a brighter note, we are trying to develop some social activities for Young Members so keep an eye open for news of these.



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**Oldham Local Government
Annual General Meeting
4th March 2009 at 12:30pm
Oldham Sports Centre
with Buffet Lunch provided
for the first 100 members**

Admission by Membership card or Latest Payslip

Oldham Sports Centre are offering a free weekly pass on the day for every Unison Member who attends our AGM. So come and join us to help move your Branch forward and why not get fighting fit for 2009 at the same time!

Don't forget to pick up your UNISON Discount card too.

SSDP

UNISON hope that the decision to put back Phase 2 would include a review of Unity's performance so far. UNISON would also hope that Phase 2/3 would take into account any lessons learnt from Phase 1.

Calling all Members!

Get involved in your Union! If you have any interesting stories to tell or would like to become an activist through developing skills as a Steward please contact the branch on 0161 770 4008 or email unisonoldhamlg@aol.com. Alternatively please write to us at 16 Manchester Chambers, Manchester Street, Oldham, OL1 1LF.

Job Evaluation

Job Evaluation has now reached the final and probably the most important stages. With the points having been released the process of dealing with appeals can now begin alongside this negotiations will now take place on the authorities proposals for the new pay line including issues of protection, allowances and gradings. The latter will be within the current spinal columns to point 49. One issue that has been highlighted by the process which is a major cause for concern for UNISON are arrangements for Teaching Assistants in different schools and the way the scheme is being interpreted UNISON have already highlighted these concerns to the authority and will be demanding a way that these issues can be resolved.

Unison aims to involve its members in identifying issues, finding solutions and dealing with problems and there is a direct link between bargaining strength and the proportion of employees who are UNISON members. We are always looking for new stewards – we need more representatives to reflect different sections and departments. Why not nominate someone in your workplace – or indeed yourself? You could be a Health & Safety Rep, Steward – or why not a Learner Rep who are the champions of learning in the workplace. Not sure? Contact the Branch Office for more details on 0161 770 4008 or return the tear off slip below.

Name:.....

Workplace:.....

Tel:.....

Steward

Health & Safety Rep

Learner Rep

Please complete the slip, tick the appropriate box if you are interested in getting involved and return the slip to the address below and we will contact you as soon as possible.

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