University of Nottingham Students’ Union (UoNSU) has officially recognised UNISON as the Trade Union to represent the interests of its staff team.

Locally elected reps will negotiate with UoNSU about pay and other working conditions, as well as representing UNISON members with individual issues such as disability, sickness or maternity leave. The agreement means locally elected reps will get paid time off to train and undertake their duties.

Vicki Morris, University of Nottingham branch Chair, who signed the agreement on behalf of UNISON said; “We are delighted to be recognised as the union for UoNSU career staff employees. We believe our shared values will lead to a constructive relationship that will benefit both the Students’ Union and its staff. We are looking forward to sharing the many benefits of being a member of UNISON and the extent of the work we do locally, nationally and internationally.”

Daryl Ormerod, CEO of UoNSU, who signed the agreement on their behalf said: “I’m really very excited for what we can achieve together, working with UNISON, so that we can be and do better with and for our staff team, and ultimately for our student members.”

UNISON at Nottingham University in conjunction with UoNSU will be holding a welcome event for all staff at UoNSU to meet the UNISON branch and find out more about the work they do and the support the branch will deliver to members.

Welcome Event
Come and Meet Us

The Welcome Zone, Portland Building
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
7—9 December, 12—2pm
Lunch will be provided

Wednesday 8 December, we will hear from CEO Daryl Ormerod and Elizabeth Yearsley supporting UNISON at UoNSU.

Get in touch! If you have a workplace issue or any concerns and you are not sure where to get help, then speak to us. Contact your local unison branch at: unison@nottingham.ac.uk
Recognition Agreement

UoNSU and UNISON are proud of the relationship now agreed to support SU career staff employees which includes the membership of staff to UNISON.

Committee Attendance

Part of this agreement includes the attendance of UNISON representatives at ad hoc consultative meetings and forums but specifically to the following committees:

- People Experience Working Group
- Health & Safety Committee
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Consultation

UNISON is entitled to be consulted on behalf of UoNSU employees on matters that may include any employment related issues that affect staff, including but not limited to:

- Annual pay award and Terms and Conditions of employment
- Employment policies and procedures (other than changes required by legislation)
- Staff training and development including People strategies
- Health and Safety

Elected representatives

There shall be a maximum of 4 constituency representatives, with one elected from each of the relevant constituencies:

- Student Influence
- Student Engagement
- Social Enterprises
- Finance & Support Services

There shall be one further representative specifically for the purposes of Health and Safety representation. The H&S representative may be further supported by the constituency representatives noted above.

To join UNISON visit ‘Join UNISON’, or contact Laura Sun, UoN Branch Membership Officer
Laura.sun@nottingham.ac.uk

Further details to follow
UNISON working Internationally

7th September – UNISON general secretary Christina McAnea wrote to Dominic Raab, urging the British government not to recognise the military junta in Myanmar. UNISON has been supporting the International Trade Union Strike Fund which has been assisting trade unions in Myanmar, and has partnered with Burma Campaign UK, a charity fighting for change in the South-East Asian country.

29th September – National Unison executive Stephen Smellie reiterates its desire to co-operate with Turkish trade unionists, through the organisation SPOT (Solidarity with the People Of Turkey).

7th October – UNISON and Electronics Watch held an online seminar on the importance of supply chain transparency in factories producing technology, including how this relates to worker’s rights.

15th October – UNISON and PIRC held a joint online seminar on the risks of exploitation in the PPE supply chain.

are you passionate about learning?

UNISON Learning

UNISON has a proud history of providing high quality learning opportunities for our members. Whether you’re already a keen learner, or just beginning to explore the possibilities, and whatever your reasons for wanting to learn, UNISON can help.

UNISON recruits Union Learning Reps (ULR); UNISON members who volunteer to organise and advertise courses. ULRs receive training and receive paid time off to complete union duties.

For further information contact Jo Ratchford, UNISON Regional Local Organiser for HE j.ratchford@unison.co.uk
UNISON's charity

“There for You” provides support and financial help to UNISON members. It is a separate charitable body but affiliated to UNISON, so provides help and advice exclusively to UNISON members and their families.

At a time when our living costs are rising there is a danger that more people will find themselves in financial crisis. You need to know that UNISON is ‘There for You’.

“How to apply

You can contact them directly or contact the welfare officer at your local Unison branch. It is a small charity with four caseworkers but supported by a network of volunteer branch officers.

To be eligible for financial help you must have membership for at least four weeks and not have savings of more than £4,000. (There are financial limitations in place for members who have less than 12 months UNISON membership.)

You will need to complete an application form and provide personal details of your financial situation along with supporting documents. A caseworker/welfare officer can help you with this. They will treat your case with absolute confidentiality.

For further information and support contact
Maggie McPhee, UoN Branch Welfare Officer
Margaret.mcphee@nottingham.ac.uk

Further Information

- There for You
- Financial Assistance
- Wellbeing Breaks
- Covid19 fund online application
- Debt Advice
- General Advice
- There for You Impact Report

Contact details

For further information contact the ‘There for You’ team email: thereforyou@unison.co.uk
phone: 020 7121 5620. Please leave a message with your contact details.

If you find yourself in financial hardship as a direct result of the covid19 pandemic (either through job loss, reduced income, reduction in working hours, or consequences of contracting covid) you could apply for a grant of up to £350. To be eligible you must have been a Unison member for at least three months and do not have savings of more than £1,000.