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Surrey County Branch - WINTER 2019
Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2020 and nominations for ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2020

Surrey County UNISON will again be holding a series of AGM meetings throughout the whole of March 2020. The aim is to have a meeting in every workplace where we have a local elected representative. We can also arrange AGM meetings in other workplaces where members are interested. There will still be a main AGM meeting at County Hall in Kingston, but the last few years have shown that by having individual workplace meetings around the county more of you are able to attend. Details, dates, times and venues for the AGM meetings will be sent out in early 2019 with the Annual Report.

If you need any more information about the AGM meetings, nominations for officer posts, want to attend a UNISON conference (see page 3) or you want to propose a motion or a rule change, please read this newsletter carefully and use the form on the back page. Our website will have detailed information about officer posts, current branch rules etc. and will be updated as and when AGM meetings are arranged.



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR BRANCH OFFICER POSTS

See Page 2 for list of positions, see website for Job Profiles



MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS OR RULE CHANGES TO GO TO THE AGM

See back page for form for nominations, rule changes or motions



COME TO A CONFERENCE


See Page 3 for details of UNISON conferences in 2020 and how to apply.

FOR PRINTED COPIES OF ANY AGM DOCUMENTS OR IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC ACCESS NEEDS REGARDING THE AGM PLEASE CONTACT THE BRANCH OFFICE

Nominations to Branch Officer Posts

This is a list of all the core officer posts in Surrey County Branch. Any full member of the UNISON branch can stand for any position, whoever they work for – but only Surrey County Council currently have an agreement with their staff for paid time off for officers. The column on the right indicates how much paid time off (in days per week) Surrey County Council currently allows the post holder if employed by them.

Branch Officer Post	SCC Days per week
BRANCH CHAIR	1
BRANCH SECRETARY	5
DEPUTY BRANCH SECRETARY	3.5
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	1
EDUCATION COORDINATOR	0
EQUALITIES COORDINATOR	2
HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER	2
LIFE LONG LEARNING COORDINATOR	0
TREASURER	2
WOMENS OFFICER	1
BLACK MEMBERS OFFICER	0
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	0
WELFARE OFFICER	0
YOUNG MEMBERS OFFICER (UNDER 27)	0
DISABLED MEMBERS OFFICER	0
LGBT MEMBERS OFFICER	0
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER	0
GREEN/ENVIRONMENT OFFICER	0
LABOUR LINK OFFICER	0



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For a list of job descriptions/role profiles for these posts please visit the AGM page of the Branch website. To nominate someone for any of these posts please use the form on the back page. You will need two members (a proposer and a seconder) for any nomination.

The branch also has elected convenors. These are elected by reps each April and they coordinate the work of the reps in each sector or directorate. We have convenors in SCC covering the various directorates. We also have school support staff, Community service group (covering charities and the voluntary sector) and FE/HE education convenors.

Motions and Rule Changes

If you would like to submit a motion for discussion at the AGM or a change to the branch rules, please use the form on the back page. You will need a proposer and a seconder for a motion or a rule change or the Branch Committee itself can make a proposal.

FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION, BRANCH RULES, FURTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS PLEASE VISIT THE BRANCH WEBSITE.

www.surreycountyunison.org.uk. For printed copies please contact us.

UNISON Conferences

Any member of UNISON can ask to attend our conferences. We pay all accommodation, travel and living expenses. Listed below are all of our major national conferences for next year. If you would like to attend please use the form on the back page (this form can be photocopied) stating clearly which conference you are interested in. If we have more people interested than we are allowed delegates then there will be an election at the Branch Committee. If members are not elected as delegates they can still attend as visitors (if agreed by the BC and subject to branch finances).

Service Group Conferences are specifically for members working in particular areas, such as Health, Local Government, Higher Education etc. We are mainly a Local Government branch but we have members in other sectors and can send members to these service group conferences:

- Higher Education Conference – 16 January 2020 in Milton Keynes
- Community Service Group Conference – 28 Feb - 1 March 2020 in Cardiff
- Local Government Conference – 14-15 June 2020 in Brighton

UNISON also has national and regional networks of self-organised groups (SOGs). We have Black members, Women's, LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) and Disabled members' groups as well as a Young members group and even an active Retired members section. Any member who identifies with any of these groups can get involved and may attend their conferences and events (finances permitting).

- Black Members Conference – 31 Jan – 2 Feb 2020 in Bournemouth
- Women's Conference – 13-15 February 2020 in Bournemouth
- Young Members (under 27 yrs) – May 2020 tbc
- Retired Members Conference – October 2020 tbc
- Disabled Members Conference – November 2020 tbc
- LGBT Members Conference – November 2020 in tbc

National Delegate Conference

This is the one conference that all sections of the union and all members can attend. Every branch, every region, every self-organised group can all send delegates. Our branch can usually send around 5-6 delegates.

- National Delegate Conference – 16-19 June 2020 in Brighton

Regional conferences and events

We are part of the South East Region which covers from Kent to Brighton and from Oxford to the Isle of Wight. Our Regional Council AGM is on Saturday 8th Feb and our Local Government Service Group Regional Conference meets on Tuesday 10th March – both in London. Let us know if you are interested in attending any of these.

FIGHTING AUSTERITY – DEFENDING PUBLIC SERVICES!

Surrey is going through a period of profound change and potentially swathing cuts to our public services – from Childrens Centres to Special Educational Needs (SEND) provision, in Adults Social Care, in Libraries and Culture, Waste Management and in Fire and Rescue Services.

UNISON are proud of our role in setting up and playing a major role in Save Our Services in Surrey and we would encourage all our members to get on their mailing list and to become active in the fight against austerity. Visit www.sosis.org.uk for more details.

Workplaces where we hope to hold an AGM in March 2010

Ewell Library

Woking Library

Clifton Hill School

Chartwood School

Woodlands School

Arundel House

Dimensions

Waverley Social Care Team (the Burys)

The Larches

St Francis Centre

Fairmount House

Quadrant Court

Cranstock

Welmede

UCA Farnham

Merrist Wood

Consort House

Blenheim High School

Mallow Crescent

Oxted School

HeathSide

NESCOT

Mental Health Services

Childrens Trust

County Hall AGM

Linden Bridge School

Moor House School

Esher Civic Centre

The Warwick School

St Josephs

Reigate Town Hall

Milmead

Strictly Education

St Faiths

Deans Youth Centre

Grange Management

Ladywell Convent

Christ's College/Pond Mdw

Bletchingley Centre

St Peters Hospital

Ash Manor School



Help us find the 'Truth About Zane'.

UNISON Supports the family and their fellow campaigners in their fight for truth and justice over what happened to their Son during the floods of 2014. Zane Gbangbola would have been nearly a teenager now if he had not been killed, whilst asleep in his bed on 8th February 2014, when migrating toxic gases from a historic landfill site behind their house entered their home. The same gases have left Zane's daddy, Kye, paralysed from the waist down. The Fire Brigade and HAZMAT teams all recorded the presence of Hydrogen Cyanide that night but the authorities continue to cover this up and insist that Carbon Monoxide was the killer. If you want to read more, sign Zane's petition (now at nearly 90,000 signatures) and/or preorder their forthcoming book please click here: <http://www.truthaboutzane.com/>.

Want to get more active in UNISON?

Fancy being a local workplace rep?

Want to find out more about it?

Come to our open evening
on Tuesday December 10th in Redhill.

For more information email unison@surreycc.gov.uk or
call us on 02085419091

One of Surrey UNISON's priorities is to support the campaign against climate change.

We support those school students taking regular action on this issue and we call upon our trade unions and politicians to declare a climate emergency and to take the action necessary to stop and reverse climate change.

<https://www.facebook.com/Strike4ClimateGuildford/>

AGM FORM 2020

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL NOMINATIONS TO OFFICER POSTS, INTEREST IN ATTENDING CONFERENCES, MOTIONS AND RULE CHANGES (please copy form if necessary)

Proposer Name..... UNISON Membership Number.....

Signature.....

Seconder Name..... UNISON Membership Number.....

Signature.....

a) We wish to nominate the following member/s as a branch officer:

Name/s..... UNISON Membership Number/s.....

For the post of.....

Signature of candidate/s

(If nominating two people to job-share a role please make this clear and include both of their names, membership numbers and signatures)

b) We wish to submit the attached motion for discussion at the AGM

(please attach proposed motion)

c) We wish to submit the attached rule change for discussion at the AGM

(please attach proposed rule change)

d) I/We wish to be considered for nomination as a delegate to the

(name of conference) on (dates)2020:

Name/s..... UNISON Membership Number/s.....

Signature of candidate/s

Do you identify yourself as:

A Black member	YES/NO
A Woman	YES/NO
A Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender Member (LGBT)	YES/NO
A Disabled Member	YES/NO
A Low Paid Woman (earning less than £9.94 per hour)	YES/NO
A Young Member (under 27 years old)	YES/NO

ALL NOMINATIONS to OFFICER POSTS, MOTIONS AND RULE CHANGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE UNISON OFFICE (details Page 2) BY 5PM ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2019