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Surrey County Branch - WINTER 2021
Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2022 and nominations for ELECTION OF OFFICERS

UNISON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2022

WE WILL MONITOR THE NATIONAL SITUATION CLOSELY AND THESE MAY BE VIRTUAL MEETINGS USING ZOOM or TEAMS VIDEOCONFERENCING, OR PHYSICAL WORKPLACE MEETINGS OR HYBRID MEETINGS.

Surrey County UNISON will again be holding a series of AGM meetings throughout the whole of March 2022. The aim is to have a meeting for every workplace where we have a local elected representative. We can also arrange AGM meetings for other workplaces where members are interested. There will also be a central AGM meeting, but the last few years have shown that by having individual workplace meetings around the county more of you are able to attend. More details, dates, times and venues for the AGM meetings will be sent out in early 2022 with the Annual Report and any election ballots.

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 2021 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	4
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	1
EDUCATION COORDINATOR	0
EQUALITIES COORDINATOR	3
HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER	2
LIFE LONG LEARNING COORDINATOR	0
TREASURER	1.5
WOMENS OFFICER	0
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 have a school support staff convenor and a Community service group convenor (covering charities and the voluntary sector) and a current vacancy for an FE/HE education convenor.

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 or email us. You will need a proposer and a seconder for a motion or a rule change. 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.

All branch officers, convenors and staff are invited to send a report to be included in the Surrey County UNISON Annual Report. These must be received by 5pm on Friday 24th December to guarantee inclusion.

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 planned major national conferences for next year. Most conferences were cancelled last year and most were online this year. We hope they will all go ahead in 2022. 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 –
- Community Service Group Conference –
- Local Government Conference –

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 –
- Women's Conference –
- Young Members (under 27 yrs) Conference –
- Retired Members Conference –
- Disabled Members Conference –
- LGBT+ Members Conference –

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 –

Regional conferences and events

We are part of the South East Region of UNISON which covers from Kent to Brighton and from Oxford to the Isle of Wight. Our Regional Council AGM is usually in February and our Local Government Service Group Regional Conference meets in March. There are also regional meetings arranged for all the other service groups and self-organised groups. Let us know if you are interested in attending any of these. They may, of course, be cancelled or rearranged to be held virtually.

AGM FORM 2022

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL NOMINATIONS TO OFFICER POSTS, INTEREST IN ATTENDING CONFERENCES, MOTIONS AND RULE CHANGES (or email us with all the requested information)

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 would like more information about nomination as a delegate to the

(name of conference)2022:

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 £10.63 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 14TH DECEMBER 2021