

The Wakey Worker

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT UNISON

CONFERENCE SPECIAL

JOIN US AT CONFERENCE



Liverpool, 15th - 20th June 2025

What is Conference?

UNISON's Local Government Conference and National Delegates Conference are two of the most important events that the branch attends on an annual basis. These conferences determine how your union is run, what matters to you, the members, and where UNISON should be focusing its resources.

It is an opportunity for branches to raise motions, offer amendments, vote on policies and network with likeminded individuals and other UNISON branches nationally.

The Delegation

The delegation is the group of members that attend UNISON conferences on behalf of the branch, and any member of UNISON is eligible to be part of it. Facility time (paid time off from work) should be granted by the employer and the branch will ensure that travel, accommodation and expenses are covered for you.

As a delegate, you will be a representative of the branch and will be required to attend all sessions at the conferences and vote on motions. You will be supported by experienced delegates from the branch.

Whilst both conferences are attended by UNISON branches nationally, the Local Government Conference focusses on issues solely related to Local Government issues and the National Delegates conference functions as UNISON's annual 'parliament', bringing together delegates from across the union to decide the union's policies and priorities.

Due to the makeup of the branch membership being 73% female, the delegation the branch sends needs to be proportionate to this, and therefore we need to send a higher proportion of female members than male members. This is something that the branch (not through lack of trying) has historically struggled to do and has can result in the branch being fined. Therefore we really do need members who identify as female to put themselves forward to represent the branch.

If you are interested, or want more information on UNISON's conferences, please email the branch or give us a call and we will guide and support you in getting involved with the organisation of your union on a national level.



ORGANISING MEMBERS

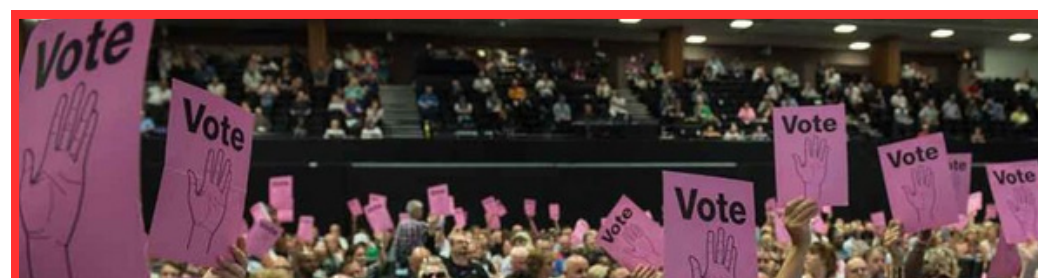
For members that are unaware, **UNISON** has a number of Self Organized Groups that operate at all levels of the union. These groups are a great way of: becoming more involved with **UNISON**, making a difference in YOUR workplace and ensuring that **UNISON** is fighting for issues that are important to **YOU**. In Wakefield we currently have a Retired Members SOG, however regionally and nationally there are SOGs for Black Members, Women, LGBT+ Members, Disabled Members and Young Members. If joining an existing SOG or starting one up in Wakefield is something **you** are interested in, please get in contact with us at the branch.

UNISON is **YOU** and our strength is in numbers. If you have any colleagues that aren't a member of **UNISON** yet, please encourage them to join with the QR code, not only for their protection in the workplace, but to increase **YOUR** collective bargaining powers. If you fancy helping your colleagues more; by becoming a steward or workplace contact, please get in touch with us at the branch.

Join here ----->
Call us: 01924305360



PLEASE make sure that the details we hold for you are correct, this is the only way we can get in contact with you if you need our support! Or to inform you of upcoming events, demonstrations & days out. You can do this here:
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01924 305360
contact@unison-wakefield.org.uk



Mainly Work, Some Play

Whilst the Local Government and National Delegate's conferences are incredibly important and you will be considered "at work" during conference hours (between 9am and 5pm), the rest of your time in Liverpool will be yours to enjoy as you like.

There are a variety of fringe events organised by UNISON SOGs and fractions covering Environmental issues, LGBT+ rights and many more topics that are available for all delegates to attend if they are interested, these are usually held at lunchtime or once the main conference sessions are finished in the afternoon. Last year, Wakefield delegates attended a fringe session on how Trade Unions can...

...contribute to a greener workplace which included, environmentalist and rock legend, Feargal Sharkey as a guest speaker.

Outside of the conference itself, delegates are free to do as they wish, whether that be return to the hotel for some quiet R&R, exploring the city, heading out for a meal with your fellow delegates or meeting up and networking with other Trade Unionists from around the UK.

Just remember that, although you are outside of work time, you will still be representing the branch for the duration of conference.

INTERESTED?

**If YOU are interested in being part
of your UNISON branch's delegation
for either Local Government or
National Delegate's conference
(sharer positions available)
please email the branch at
contact@unison-wakefield.org.uk or
give us a call on 01924 305360!**

UNISON Local Government and National Delegate's Conference, Brighton, June 2024





NATIONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE 2025

LIVERPOOL | 17TH – 20TH JUNE 2025

Why Attend?

- ✓ Influence UNISON's direction and policies
- ✓ Hear from inspiring speakers and activists
- ✓ Network with fellow members and delegates
- ✓ Take part in lively debates and workshops
- ✓ Celebrate solidarity, strength, and collective action

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.
BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT.
SEE YOU IN LIVERPOOL!**

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