

## UNISON Southwest Young Members

UNISON has been campaigning for its members issues since its creation in 1993.

In recent years we have seen the standard of living drop. This is due to a number of reasons including the lack of a real living wage, pay freezes across the public sector, increase in housing prices and lack of social housing support.

This is why our young members have chosen to focus on campaigning for a real living wage and affordable housing.

This leaflet can be used as a guide to show you where you can go to get support with the issues identified above.

Stronger together,  
Stronger in UNISON

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If you have any queries regarding this leaflet or any other questions regarding UNISON, or even a statement about how these issues have affected you please get in touch at:

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# Support with Housing & Pay



# Where can I go?



**UNISON**— UNISON has a charity called There for You that can help members with financial difficulties by providing grants.

**Citizens Advice** — Citizens advice is a place to go for advice on a wide range of issues. The Citizens Advice service helps people to resolve their problems, and as the UK's largest advice provider they are equipped to deal with any issue, from anyone, spanning debt and employment to housing.

**Shelter** — As well as providing shelter to the most vulnerable people in society, shelter also have a lot of helpful information on the true cost of private renting.

**Turn2us** — Turn2us are an amazing charity that helps people in financial need gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help. They also have a very helpful calculator on their website that will work out what you're entitled to.

**Housing Federation** — The housing federation have a number of helpful resources including busting housing jargon and information on the welfare reform.

*We are always looking for more of our members to become active, even if the time you can give is very limited we would love to hear from you.*

*There are a number of activist roles at UNISON, these range from national, to regional to workplace or team based. They can be focused around anything from campaigning, to finance to putting up posters or talking to members in your workplace. Please contact a member of the team at the below email if you'd like to find out more, or get in contact with your branch to find out who your Young Members Officer is:-*

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