



SOUTH WEST YOUNG MEMBERS

southwest.unison.org.uk/equality/south-west-young-members/

HOUSING CRISIS CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP

After our last forum meeting the results of the housing survey are now available to see via the [google drive](#). We discussed setting up a subcommittee group / working group to work on a campaign plan.

We will be holding an [online meeting](#) to talk through the results and brainstorm on next steps for the campaign. We are also looking into some campaign training to boost skills and knowledge to support with us on the campaign journey.



Register to attend our working group.
meet up on MS Teams
[REGISTER HERE](#)
1ST MAY 18:00 - 19:30

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ARE YOU ABLE TO STEP UP? COULD YOU BE THE NEXT FORUM CO - CHAIR? WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEMBERS TO HELP OUT!

Fantastic news for Rob he has been elected at his local branch as the Branch Secretary, but sad news for the forum as this means with new challenges in his branch role on the horizon we really need someone else to help Co-Chair the forum. Jamie our other Co-Chair is able to support the forum until July. So you will get to learn the ropes alongside Jamie and work with Natalie our staff support lead. This can really help to support the forum in to the next 12 months. You can help to develop the forum , help out to chair forum meetings and support in communications to all the young members in the region. Email or what's app us to let us know if you're interested .



MOTION WRITING WORKSHOP & FORUM MEET UP

SAT 22ND JUNE | 10:00- 16:00 | BRISTOL

Training & networking event - Register today!

<https://southwest.unison.org.uk/events/swymforum2/>

We will start the day with a motion writing workshop. This will prepare us to draft motions for this years Young Member Conference. In the afternoon we will hold an in person forum meeting.

This course is designed to give all in UNISON the knowledge, confidence and skills required to write and move effective motions. A 'motion' is a trade union way of asking for something. This is where we look at what the South West forum members want to "ask" the national Young members forum to do at the 2024 conference.

The course will help attendees to:

- Understand how an effective motion is constructed
- Understand UNISON's rules on motions and UNISON's structures
- Practice writing motions that effectively deliver on their contents
- Develop the confidence to move motions in different contexts – from branch meetings to national conferences

Get thinking what you would like to ask the National Young Members forum to take action on? [Here are last years Conference outcomes](#)



MAY DAY BRIGADE CUBA SOLIDARITY



We have some great news to share that Ella Peters from our South West Devon Branch has been chosen by our Regional Convener Team to attend the [May Day Brigade](#) trip to Cuba at the end of April. It's a great opportunity and we can't wait to hear all about it when Ella returns. We are encouraging members to share this with their branches and support Ella with donations.

LEARNING TO HELP YOUNG MEMBERS - A GUIDE TO UNISON.

WEBINAR: [HELP! I'VE JUST JOINED UNISON](#)



24 May 2024 12:00pm–13:00pm | Online via Microsoft Teams

Joining UNISON can be a bit overwhelming, particularly if you've never been a union member before. Join us for a webinar demystifying how UNISON works, from your local branch to the National Executive Council. Chaired by a member of UNISON's National Young Members Forum.

www.unison.org.uk/events/webinar-help-ive-just-joined-unison/

WEBINAR: [HOW DO UNISON CONFERENCES WORK?](#)



7th June 2024 12:00pm–13:00pm | Online via Microsoft Teams

Join us to find out how UNISON conferences work and how policy is made. We'll explain some of the processes and talk about what to expect if you're attending a UNISON conference this year. Chaired by a member of UNISON's National Young Members Forum.

www.unison.org.uk/events/webinar-how-do-unison-conferences-work/

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY OF UNISON YOUNG MEMBERS.

In this survey we'll ask some questions about your experiences in UNISON, some questions about the cost of living, and some questions about you. <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90699041/Young-Members-Survey-2024>



LIZZIE IS OFF TO NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE



REGIONAL YOUNG MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE 2024

[National Delegate Conference](#) goes ahead this year in Brighton (18th – 21st June) Lizzie will be attending on behalf of the region to represent Young Members. UNISON’s annual National Delegate Conference is the union’s ruling body.

Lizzie will be part of a conference where delegates from all over the country take part in debates to choose our unions campaigning priorities and policies. We are also aware that there are a number of young members going from branches and if you would like to network together during your visit to Brighton in June the forum can support in this. At any time that Young members head out to learn and participate in union activity we hope to share these journeys via our socials. Take a look at the preliminary agenda <https://www.unison.org.uk/events/2024ndc/>

TUC Young Workers Conference 2024 Summary

“This conference held in London was a really valuable conference to attend as an observer as I was able to learn a lot from an outside point of view, as opposed to being a direct delegate for UNISON.



The best thing about this conference was being around young unionist from different unions around the country. Even though each one of these unions represents different work sectors in the UK, it was eye opening to see how we all have very similar battles to fight and issues to deal with from our different employers.

It was empowering to see a lot of young members from different walks of lives being present for an equal goal and fighting together towards that. It also was great to see that we young members are not satisfied with the response to the war on Gaza and that we are all vocal about this throughout the country and through all different unions that we’re a part of.

I would strongly recommend anyone that is interested in being a part of this to attend when the chance comes around next. It was a bit more lonesome during the actual conference since as an observer you sit in a separate area than that of delegates, but apart from that it was a very informative weekend! “

David Esteban Rodriguez, University of Bristol Branch, Black Members Officer & Young Member