

Children's Services Survey 2019

Sandwell UNISON Children's Services Survey has been posted to all members working for Sandwell Children's Trust.

Last year's findings were rubbished by Senior Management because the response rate was just 33% of UNISON members. Therefore, we urge all members to respond so that your views cannot be ignored.

Please send your responses in the stamped addressed envelope by 26 July. The results will be analysed in September and hopefully will allow us to compare the answers to when the Trust had just begun last year.

Standby Payments

UNISON members have been asking why the Standby payment of £20 in Sandwell is different to that listed on the national pay rates of £29.03. Standby payments were part of Sandwell's single status agreement of 2010. They have not changed since then. UNISON has asked for them to come into line with the national rate. At the time of writing we are awaiting a formal response.

UNISON Surgeries

Do you have a problem at work?
Do you need some advice?

UNISON will be at Sandwell Council House,
Groundfloor breakout area, 12:30-2:00pm
24 July - 4 September – 2 October.
If you can't wait until then, just call us on
0121 569 5996.

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Martha's Story goes down well at School

Schools have been receiving free copies of Martha's Story from Sandwell UNISON Branch, allowing youngsters to learn about their local history.

As one Headteacher commented, "Year 6 are avidly reading Martha's Story, which lends itself really well to their topic. To quote Chris, the teacher, 'it's the book I've been waiting for, for years to really link to our local topic.'"

Below is a picture of Louise Harrisen-Powis, Assistant Branch Secretary (Education) delivering books to Rowley Hall Primary. For your school to receive free copies please email sandwellunison@btconnect.com



Solidarity with Sandwell College UCU Branch Secretary

The UCU Branch Secretary, Dave Muritu, has been dismissed by Sandwell College. Last year Dave Muritu helped organised 5 days of strike action that won a sector busting pay rise of 6.5% over 3 years, as well as agreeing to pay the Foundation Living Wage.

Sandwell UCU view this sacking as an anti-trade union act and are currently balloting for industrial action, following re-electing Dave Muritu as their Branch Secretary.

Sandwell UNISON Branch Committee agreed to support the UCU campaign. Members can sign the online petition at <https://speakout.web.ucu.org.uk/reinststate-david-muritu/>