**Electricians 100% solid on Action for Re-grade Claim**

UNISON members who are Electricians in Sandwell have voted 100% for action short of strike action and 100% for action including strike action in their fight for grade justice. Turnout was 94%. This vote not only smashes through the Tory trade union ballot thresholds, but also sends a clear and loud message about the determination of UNISON members.

Action short of strike action is due to commence from 6 January. Sandwell Council has formally been notified that UNISON members will take strike action for a week, the first full week in February, and then for another week the first full week in March.

The dispute has arisen following management taking a staggering 18 months to conclude hearing their re-grade claim. The claim was submitted in April 2018 over the wrongful application of the national job evaluation scheme.

Electricians are determined to get the points and grade they deserve for the job they do. They are currently below the pay levels for Electricians in Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton. The re-grade claim merely puts them in line with their colleagues across the Black County.

Unless Sandwell Council takes urgent measures to resolve the dispute, this would be the first local strike action to take place in the Council for decades.

Union members in Unite and GMB have also voted 100% for strike action. The industrial action across the three trade unions is being co-ordinated.

We urge all our members to support the Electricians in their claim for grade justice. Come to our AGM to show support and find out the latest.

UNISON calls upon Councillors to intervene and resolve this dispute, before members of the public suffer.

**Come to Your Union’s AGM**

**Thursday**

**5 March**

**5:45pm**

**Buffet refreshments from 5:00pm**

At Christchurch CofE Primary school, Albert Street, Oldbury (behind the Court of Requests pub)

Agenda includes:

* Guest Speaker – Roger McKenzie, national Assistant General Secretary
* Results of Officer elections
* Update on Electricians dispute
* Motions
* **All attendees entered into a Free Prize draw**

1st prize £250 in vouchers

2nd prize £100 in vouchers

Plus 3 prizes £50 vouchers

(subject to meeting being quorate)

**ALL Members Welcome**



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