

Sandwell UNISON AGM

Over 80 members attended our AGM on 5th March. The list of Officers and Stewards for the year ahead can be found here [Branch Officers – Sandwell General UNISON Branch \(sandwellunison.co.uk\)](#)

The guest speaker from the Palestine Solidarity Campaign was warmly received with the meeting agreeing to donate £500 to the campaign.

Attendees at the meeting highlighted the different treatment the plight of Palestinians receives from our employers compared to Ukrainians. Employers are discouraging discussion around the horrific situation in Gaza yet were happy to drape the Ukrainian flag everywhere after the invasion by Russia.

UNISON opposes all forms of racism, including antisemitism and Islamophobia. See [UNISON calls for immediate ceasefire in Gaza and Israel | Article, News | News | UNISON National](#) for UNISON's national position.

The Branch will undertake a collection for Medical Aid for Palestinians. If you wish to donate, then please contact the Branch, or simply place into the buckets when we collect.

Check out the website to see what the organisation does. [Medical Aid for Palestinians \(map.org.uk\)](#)

Marking 50 years of Sandwell at the UNISON AGM in March. Those pictured included former colleagues who worked for Sandwell Council in 1974. Pictured from left to right are Bill Hendersen, Kaye Powell, Yvonne Humphries, Council Leader Kerrie Carmichael, Mayor Bill Gavan, Christine Burgess, Barbara Hall and Tony Barnsley, UNISON Branch Secretary.

Retired UNISON Members

Did you know that when you retire you can remain a UNISON member for life for a one-off fee of £15?

For just £15, as a retired member you enjoy the benefits of UNISON membership, including Legal Advice, Welfare Support and special discounts on a wide range of financial and other services.

In addition to that you can keep in touch with former colleagues by being part of the active retired members group who organise regular events. Check out [Retired Members – Sandwell General UNISON Branch \(sandwellunison.co.uk\)](#)

Liverpool Trip 20th July

Fancy a coach trip to Liverpool for the day? UNISON has organised a coach leaving and returning to Oldbury on Saturday 20th July.

Tickets are priced at £10 for UNISON members and £20 for non-members, friends and family.

Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please contact the Branch by email sandwellunison@btconnect.com

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