



# UNISON **Summer** Newsletter

**Join us for a BBQ, garden games and fundraising for Rainbows**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**11.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.**

**Summer Fundraising BBQ**

**outside EHB - wet weather venue inside.**

**Free for members**

**Guests £4** Bring some change for tombola and other fundraising activities. **Vegetarian options available.**



Would you like to be **more** involved?

**The BBQ is an ideal way to find out more about union activities, what is on offer and how you could be involved in Unison. Some roles available are:**

### **Workplace Contact**

**This is a very important role and not at all demanding. We need people who are willing to keep noticeboards up to date in their work area.**

### **Young members' officer**

**An ideal introduction to union work as you will be assisted by branch officers. You must be under 27yrs for your whole term of office.**

### Read about

**School Uniform Grants**

**Car Parking**

**Pay Negotiations**

**Rainbows Fundraising**

**Summer Coach Trip**

**Tax refund**



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## Help with school uniforms

Families living on a low income can apply to There for You for help with the cost of school uniforms. A form is available on-line or ask a rep. The closing date is 20 July and funding is limited so get applications in early and make sure all the information is provided. <https://www.unison.org.uk/news/article/2018/05/school-uniform-grants/>



## Summer Trip to Stratford upon Avon Saturday 28th July 2018

Please register your interest at the BBQ or by email. The branch will pay for members but a £5 deposit will be required to secure a place. Guests will be allowed, for a small charge, if space permits. Leave Lboro near Security at 9.30am and leave Stratford at 6.30pm. The journey is just over 1 hour. There will be a toilet on the coach and wheelchairs can be stored.



## We all like to complain about parking!

You may not know that your Union negotiated no rise in parking last year and with the support of the other campus unions, were able to get the university to meet 50% of the cost increase caused by the government's withdrawal of Salary Sacrifice for parking fees for this year. We really do work hard for your benefit.

**PDR** If you were unhappy with your PDR, please speak to us so that we can continue to provide feedback. Last years feedback enabled us to successfully secure changes which have improved things for many members.

**We need contributions for the BBQ tombola and help to arrange it and sell tickets on the day.**



We won £25 in the UNISON There for You Lottery draw. This will go into the fundraising pot for Rainbows. Check on-line to take part in the lottery which raises funds to support UNISON members - [unison.org.uk](http://unison.org.uk)



**Can you help raise funds for Rainbows charity as chosen by the members at the AGM?** We need your ideas but more importantly people to hold their own small fundraising events. You are Unison!



**Pay** Please talk to your reps about why you should refuse the pay offer when asked. This does not mean you will be committing to go on strike. You may not know that our employers do not have to pay the Living Wage. They make a decision every year and could stop it at any time. Many of our members are now in real terms earning less than they did a few year's ago.



**TAX Refund** If you have to wash you own uniform at home then you may be able to claim a HMRC tax rebate which covers the cost of cleaning, repairing and replacing your uniform, as well as any other specialist clothing such as safety boots. To claim you need to complete a P87 form online, at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-income-tax-relief-for-your-employment-expenses-p87> you can submit it online or print it out and send it to Pay As You Earn, HM Revenue and Customs, BX9 1AS. Write 'Repayment Claim' on the envelope to speed things up. You'll need to fill in one form for each year you're claiming for.