

# Unite Activist Information

in the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside



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## 131st Durham Miners' Gala

The 131st [Durham Miners' Gala](#) will be taking place on Saturday 11 July 2015. Once again, Unite the union will be at what is the biggest Trade Union event in Europe.

If you are coming along to the Miners' Gala, [Unite will be meeting at the Old County Hospital](#) underneath the viaduct next to the railway station.

We will be moving off at 8.45am behind the Unite the union brass band and the regional banner.

It promises to be a great day, so we will hopefully see you there!



On the evening of the 10 July the Campaign for Trade Union Freedom will be holding a fringe event. For more information about the speakers at this fringe event please [visit the Campaign for Trade Union Freedom website](#).

## Great Yorkshire Show 2015

This year's [Great Yorkshire Show](#) is on 14 - 16 July. The show, [held in Harrogate](#), is one of the largest shows of its kind and Unite has a long and proud history of attending.

This year we will be hosting an exhibition which will take visitors through some of the most important times in UK history. We'll be taking people through the story of the Luddites, the struggle of the Suffragettes, the development of Pride events, and the legacy of the coal mining.

If you are going to the Great Yorkshire Show, please come along and support Unite and take a look around our exhibition.



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## Unite and Newcastle Unity Festival

Unite was proud to show solidarity with other trade unions who were supporting the Newcastle Unity Festival on Saturday 23rd May.

The event took place in Leazes Park, Newcastle, and featured performances from multi-award winning Ms Dynamite, hip hop artist Akala, Natty and Panjabi MC. There were also performances in nearby marquees with acoustic shows, stand-up comedians, reggae and spoken word in nearby tents.

Members of the public were greeted by the Newcastle Allstars steel band, while youngsters from Inspired Support, an organisation providing opportunities for people with autism, ran a section dedicated to dance performances.

Fazia Hussain-Brown said: "The Newcastle Unity Festival was set up to proactively challenge all forms of intolerance and promote unity in the community.

"The event was totally free. It was supported and funded solely by donations from organisations, members of the public and most importantly by the Trade Union movement. It's great that this event looks likely to grow and become an annual event."



If you would like to include something in this bulletin, please email [neyhprint@unitetheunion.org](mailto:neyhprint@unitetheunion.org)

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## Your Party, Your Voice

In 2014, a special Labour Party Conference was held to agree changes to the way that affiliates (mostly unions) affiliate to the Labour Party. These changes mean that members now need to agree to be a part of the union's collective affiliation. Members also now have the opportunity to become affiliated supporters.

Your Party Your Voice is a campaign to encourage members to sign up to the 2 levels of affiliation. On these pages you can find more information about the changes and leaflets to sign up members in your workplace. You can sign up yourself using the [Unite website](#).



## Education Courses

There are places available for the below Branch Officials courses.

- Leeds - 8 July 2015 until 5 August 2015 (five consecutive Wednesdays)
- Hull - 1 July 2015 until 29 July 2015 (five consecutive Wednesdays)

If you are interested in attending any of these courses, please call the regional office on 0113 236 4830.

Take a look at the [Education Course Programme](#) for information about all of the courses being held in 2015.



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## With Banners Held High

Following the success of this year's 'With Banners Held High' event in Wakefield, [a second event is being planned for 2016](#). More information about the event will be available nearer the time, but it's worth putting the date in your diary now!


**WITH BANNERS HELD HIGH**  
A DAY-LONG EVENT REMEMBERING THE 1984-85 MINERS' STRIKE

**MUSIC AND THE MINERS' STRIKE**


**INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY**


**MUSIC, DRAMA DEBATES POETRY & FILM**


**SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2016**  
**UNITY WORKS WAKEFIELD**  
**11.00AM-11.00PM**




 With Banners Held High  
Email [wbhh@talktalk.net](mailto:wbhh@talktalk.net)

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## Durham Clothing and Food Bank



Friday 10 July, 10:00 until 3:00

Durham Market Square



### Your Solidarity can make a HUGE difference

On Friday 10th of July, Durham Unite Community are turning the market square into a collection point for the County Durham food and clothing banks. Any donations large or small will help.

#### The Socialist Clothing bank needs the following items:

- Socks (New, all sizes)
- Underwear (New, all sizes)
- Gents Jeans/Trainers
- Children's Clothes (all ages)
- Sleeping Bags
- Baby Milk (all ages)
- Nappies (all ages/sizes)
- Shampoo & Shower Gel
- Sanitary pads & tampons
- Toothpaste

#### The Durham Food bank needs the following items:

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit Juice (carton)
- Tinned Fish
- Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- Pasta sauces
- Tomatoes (Tinned)
- Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- Instant coffee
- Instant Mash Potato
- Pasta
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Chocolate treats

Please bring donations to the semi-circle at the bottom of Durham Market Square between 10:00 and 3:00 on Friday 10th July

County Durham  
Socialist Clothing Bank



Organised by: Durham Unite Community

[http://www.uniteunion.org/growing-our-union/  
communitymembership/](http://www.uniteunion.org/growing-our-union/communitymembership/)

<https://durhamcsc.wordpress.com/>





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## News from Affiliates

**Hotpoint** PRIVILEGE PURCHASE CLUB

Unite the UNION

Unbeatable Member Discounts

SAVE UP TO **30%**  
Exclusively for Unite Members

- Free removal
- Free nationwide delivery
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**EXTRA 6% OFF\***  
Using Voucher Code at checkout **UNITE6**

15 months\* to be used

Prices from **£62.99**

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**How to redeem this benefit**

- STEP 1 Visit [www.uniteunion.org](http://www.uniteunion.org)
- STEP 2 Select Unite member benefits and choose Hotpoint
- STEP 3 Login with your Unite membership number

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**Travel Insurance**

**New & Improved Cover for Unite Members**

### New & Improved Unite Travel Insurance

Dear Colleagues,

We're excited to announce the re-launch of a very popular member benefit: Unite Travel Insurance. We are very pleased to offer you an improved cover to members that now gives you choice at a more competitive price.

We understand that your members have many different needs so the improved cover is more flexible and competitive than ever, and now offers three levels of cover: Silver, Gold and Gold+ which is for members with pre-existing medical conditions. Now, you have the option of gold or silver cover medical screening, with many conditions guaranteed standard at no extra cost.

The new travel cover has a 24-hour medical emergency helpline which is available 24/7, and the Gold policy provides cover up to £2 million for medical emergencies and repatriation.

A larger number of sports and activities are covered as standard, and it all comes at a very competitive price. For example, Annual Gold Cover starts at just £81.58\* for an individual aged 30-39 taking out European cover.

For more information or to get a quote, visit [www.unite.travelinsurance.com](http://www.unite.travelinsurance.com) or call 0800 006 9109.

Please share this email to your members to make sure they don't miss out!

Many thanks for your help.

Best regards,

Unite Travel Insurance Team

**Benefits of Unite Travel Insurance**

- ✓ NEW Silver with three levels of cover - Silver, Gold or Gold+
- ✓ NEW Gold with 24-hour medical screening
- ✓ 24-hour Medical Emergency Helpline (not managed by Doctors)
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- ✓ £2.5M Cover limit over (Gold Cover)

**INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL GOLD COVER**  
**£41.58\***  
(Europe)

**Did you know...**

The latest report from the Association of British Insurers (ABI) shows that in 2013 over 8,300 holidaymakers every week depended on travel insurance to pay for emergency medical treatment. The average claim was £19K.

Source: <http://www.abi.co.uk/press-releases/2014/06/24/2014-2015-holiday-travel-insurance-claims-report/>

Travel insurance pays out an average of **£3 million every week** to help to cover the stress and cushion the blow when there is a medical emergency abroad.

**WWW.UNITETRAVELINSURANCE.COM**

\*Price for individuals aged 30-39 heading to Europe

Cover not provided for a holiday time (not applicable to flights). Our UK travel cover is open Mon to Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-5pm and Sun 9am-5pm. Cover not valid for a 1 year stay. Some travel insurance policy Annual Maximum cover available to age 75. Single trip cover to age 85.

Some policies include Airport Repatriation or Uninsured. Each insurer is a trading name of Unite Group Holdings plc. All cover is provided and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Regulator number 207075. All cover is provided by Travel Insurance Underwriting (EU) plc, administrator and processor. Unite Travel Insurance plc is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, regulator number 207075. This information is on a FCA website [www.fca.gov.uk](http://www.fca.gov.uk). The policy is issued by Unite Group Holdings plc, UK.

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### ...for your members. One call...one email...

**D**oing nothing is why many people struggle to make ends meet. Granted, dealing with financial issues can be daunting.

Do your members know how they would pay their bills if they fell ill or were made redundant? Or if their pension will give them enough income when they retire? Or how they could help their children or grandchildren financially?

But these things have to be faced. And talking them through face-to-face with one of our professional financial advisers will set their mind at ease.

Why? Because we offer practical, affordable financial advice. This advice is specific to each member and could improve their financial situation.

#### **One call, one email**

We know you are busy, so we try and make it easy for you. One call, one email to our regional representative is all it takes. They will explain how, together, we can encourage members to secure financial peace of mind.

For instance, if your members are concerned about their pensions, want to understand their options for accessing any additional pensions they may have, or are considering taking voluntary severance, we

can organise seminars and surgeries to help them understand the issues and action they could take.

We hold hundreds of seminars a year. They are generally held in the workplace and have a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

Each member attending a seminar receives a voucher for a complimentary, no obligation, appointment with one of our professional financial advisers. On average 50% of people take up this offer – a great way of encouraging them to do something about their finances.

Get in touch with our regional representative now.

Not because we ask you to, but because you owe it to your members to do so. Their details are overleaf. You'll be amazed how a piece of our mind can lead to peace of mind for your members.

### ...is all it takes.

We are one of the largest providers of expert financial advice in the UK. Tens of thousands of members of the UK's largest unions and affinity groups rely on our professional advisers to make their money work harder.

To find out how Lighthouse Financial Advice can help members of your organisation, please call or email our local representative:

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