

Hacked Off!

The Voice of Hackney Workers

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Strike Action a Success in Hackney

Thousands of Hackney workers take action in defence of pensions. Libraries schools and depots shut in biggest day of action for decades.

As the sun rose over the Town Hall on a cold November morning Hackney Unison members were already on the pickets standing defiantly in defence of public sector pensions.

The strike in Hackney was well attended and although we have not yet compiled all the figures we had great turnout on the day.

The vast majority of schools, all but one library and depots such as Florfield Road were all shut on the day. Estate Cleaners and



Unite General Secretary visits the pickets outside the HSC

Grounds Maintenance staff, Gardeners and Rangers also took action in large numbers.

The Hackney Homes call centre was taking emergency calls only.

Mental Health services were significantly reduced

and scores of other sections such as the DAAT saw high numbers of staff on strike.

Hackney also featured heavily in the media being covered in the Telegraph and Guardian as well as on local and international radio. Hundreds attended the rally outside the Town Hall at 10.30 before marching to Homerton Hospital to join members from various unions on the pickets there.

Although it was a good solid day of action this is just the beginning of a struggle for decent pensions which is likely to last for some time.

Members may need to take further action in the future if we are to beat this disgraceful government and its plans to smash the public sector.

Going on Strike is hard and Hackney Unison understands the pressure it puts on our members however we must continue to stand strong because if we allow this government to hoodwink us into giving up our pensions we will never ever get them back again!



Hackney



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Hackney Unison Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 1st February 2012
The Council Chambers
Hackney Town Hall**

**Members will be asked to elect a new
Branch Chair at the meeting**

Lunch Provided

**Time off to attend has been granted for all members
by Council and Hackney Homes management so
there's no excuse not to come along.**

Come along, have your say and cast your vote.

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**Wishes all our members
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
for 2012**

Election Results 2012

Nominations for branch officers closed on 9th December 2011. The following nominations were received:

Matthew Waterfall	Branch Secretary	Elected Unopposed
Kathy Hamilton	Treasurer	Elected Unopposed
Brian Gardner	Welfare Officer	Elected Unopposed
Mandy Richards	Publicity Officer	Elected Unopposed
Helen Toner	Education Officer	Elected Unopposed
Lee Ray	Health and Safety	Elected Unopposed
Grainne O'Kill	Equalities Officer	Elected Unopposed
Valerie Easmon-George	International Officer	Elected Unopposed

Two nominations have been received for the post of Branch Chair from the following members:

Lee Ray
Claire Bunker

There will therefore be an election held for the position of Branch Chair. The election will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting. Whoever is elected as Branch Chair will take office following the Annual General Meeting. The timetable for elections is below:

Deadline for submission of motions to the AGM: Friday 16th December 2011

Deadline for submission of election statements: Friday 16th December 2011

Deadline for amendments to motions: Friday 20th January 2012

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 1st February 2012

The Branch is also still accepting nominations to the post of Membership Officer as none were received before the close of nominations on 9th December. If you are interested in standing for this post please complete and return the form below to the branch office.



Hackney Local Government Branch

Nominations for Branch Officers

Hackney Unison Branch invite nominations for the following Branch Officers post:

Membership Officer

If you wish to nominate or second a Unison branch member for any or all of these posts you need to complete the form below.

Only fully paid up members of Unison can stand, nominate or second a candidate. All positions can be held by job sharers.

Officers Position you wish to nominate to

Name of Proposed Candidate

Candidates Unison Membership Number

Name of Person Proposing

Proposer's Unison Membership Number

Name of Person Seconding

Seconders' Unison Membership Number

Signature of Candidate

NB: please print all names clearly using block capitals. If any of the information requested above is not provided or is unclear, the nomination will not be accepted.

Please return completed forms to Hackney Unison, Room 52, Town Hall, Mare Street, E8 1EA.