

Editorial:

An, autumn and winter of discontent. Post Covid recovery set back by war in Europe, a cost-of-living crisis defined by rising energy bills and inflation with a government determined to adopt a 'slash and burn' approach to the economy. The recent mini budget coupled with Brexit, a pandemic and a war in Europe has shown how weak the economy is. Unions from many public sector areas are taking industrial action to improve pay and conditions. FE and HE is no exception. Teachers in Wales have turned down a 5% pay offer and NHS workers have/are balloting for industrial action. Worker's must not pay the price for the failures of this governments economic policies. The elderly and other vulnerable groups should not have to face a cost-of-living choice between eating and heating. Local councils are facing overspends which means cuts to essential and non-essential services. We are not all in this together as some have benefited more than others. We call upon the government to raise not lower living standards. Industrial action as a form of last resistance is the only way to force this government to listen.

**Next meeting, 2nd December, 2022, UNITE HO,
Cathedral Road, Cardiff.**

Starting at 12pm and finishing at 2pm

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Wales Region website: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/Wales>

Branch Activity report:

Elected officers:

Pam Hughes- Chair

Vice Chair – Alan Smith

John Martin – Treasurer

Allan Screen – Secretary

Auditors – Enid Price and

Trade Councils – Enid Price (Cardiff), Mary Barnett (Torfaen)

Branch meeting:

Current membership – 236

HE, FE and Regional council.

- This took place Friday 30th. September via teams
- Secretary will provide a report at the December meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd. September 2022.

Available at the next meeting

Calendar of Regional meetings:

- HESC and Regional Council Friday 27th. January 2023 Venue TBA
- FESC Saturday 28th. January 2023 Venue TBA
- Wales Congress Saturday 4th. March 2023 Venue TBA
- Regional Council Saturday 10th. June Venue 2023 TBA
- Note that any motions to these meetings must be submitted to the relevant chair 2 weeks before the meeting date

Wales RMB wish all it's members a happy Xmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd dda