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[No Going Back to Normal](#)



The pandemic has shown quite starkly whose work we really need. It's time they got the recognition, support and reward they deserve - and that means - no going back to normal. Find out more about our campaign and how you can get involved [here](#).

["Public services need a new normal"](#) Dave Prentis, UNISON general secretary.

[UNISON Scotland achieves agreement from health secretary to pay rise for NHS workers](#)

UNISON Scotland calls on the Scottish government to ensure all home care workers are routinely tested for COVID-19.



Proposed Right to Food (Scotland) Bill Sept 2020

UNISON strongly supports this proposed legislation which would incorporate the right to food into Scots law.

In our submission to the Scottish Government's 2019 Good Food Nation consultation, we also strongly support the proposal to create an independent statutory body – a Food Commission – to monitor progress in meeting the right to food and hold government accountable.

We believe an independent body is necessary to achieve the cross cutting collaboration, oversight and coordination that is needed to sort our broken food system and enable the right to food to be exercised in practice.

UNISON joins COSLA to launch mental health awareness video



Johanna Baxter, UNISON Scotland head of local government, said: “The COVID pandemic has changed everything about everything. These are difficult times and it’s OK not to be

Ok about that. UNISON reps know how you feel as they are going through it too. Our key message is don't struggle alone. Contact your trade union or human resources team if you are having difficulties. We are here to help you."

Coronavirus: your rights at work

Read our Q&A



[Have you contracted COVID-19 at work? Let us know](#)

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Whatever else - let's not fall for the idea that [there's no money](#)

16/09/20 *heraldscotland.com*

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[Self-isolating and sick care staff need proper pay, says UNISON](#)

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[Rise in Scottish children going to school hungry.](#)

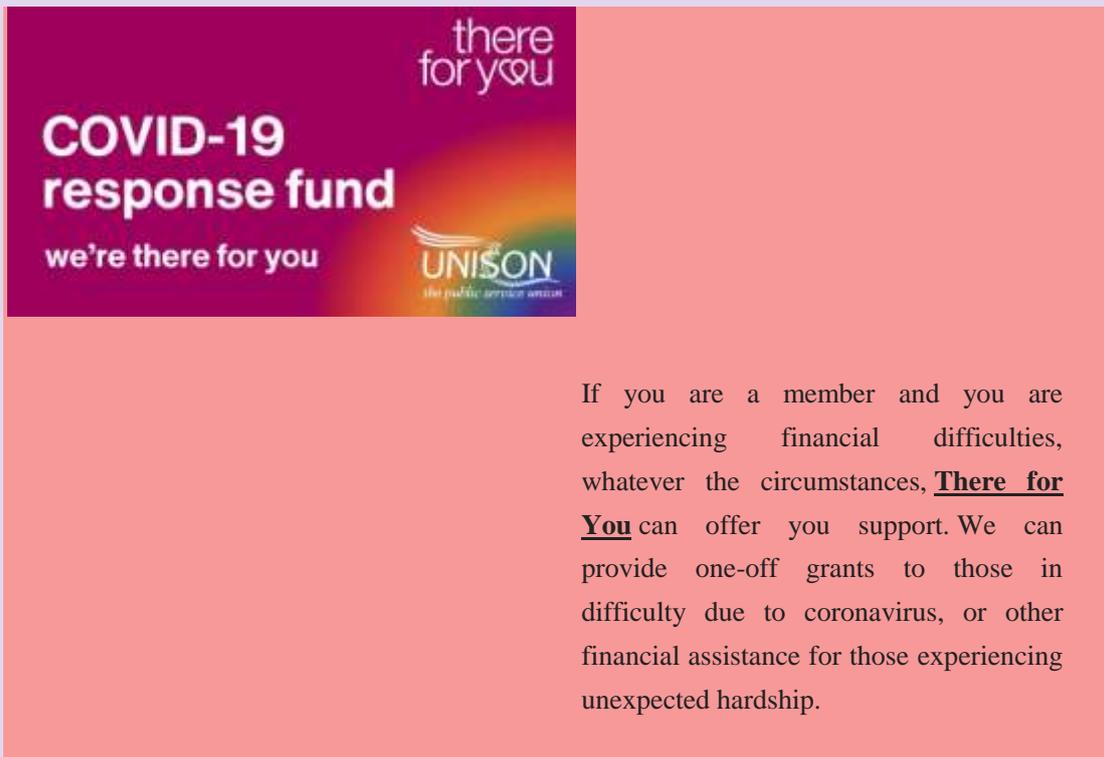
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[Pressure grows on British Gas over 'fire and rehire' plans.](#)

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Israeli government oppression of Palestinians takes another **gruesome turn**



The advertisement features a purple and red gradient background. On the left, a dark purple box contains the text "there for you" in white, "COVID-19 response fund" in large white letters, and "we're there for you" in smaller white letters. The UNISON logo is also present. On the right, a red box contains the following text:

If you are a member and you are experiencing financial difficulties, whatever the circumstances, **There for You** can offer you support. We can provide one-off grants to those in difficulty due to coronavirus, or other financial assistance for those experiencing unexpected hardship.



The advertisement has a green background with a virus-like pattern. The text is as follows:

UNISON members in Scotland who need advice during Coronavirus

 Please speak to your workplace rep first. If possible.

 Glasgow: 0141 342 2899
Aberdeen: 01224 620624
Inverness: 01463 715891

When you call us you will be asked to leave a message, please do and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

 For membership enquiries: 0131 226 0090
membershipassistancescotland@unison.co.uk





Learning in Lockdown

UNISON has increased the number of online courses. [Find out more](#)

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**PUBLIC
WORKS:**

TOOLKIT

Public Works is the UNISON Scotland campaign for jobs, services, fair taxation and a Living Wage... and against austerity. **This toolkit** provides branches with campaign resources to save our public services from the cuts driven by an austerity that is a political choice not an economic necessity.

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