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## The People's Recovery

The STUC are to be congratulated on the publication of their new report [The People's Recovery](#). It does a great service in laying out that an economic recovery from Covid-19 is possible and the means by which it can be secured.

"Coronavirus may not technically discriminate on the lines of class – but its effects are clearly exacerbated by imbalances of income, wealth and power." This is a plain but seldom spoken truth that needs to be central to the debates on where we go for here. Any process of recovery that does not seek to address structural injustice is one that is scarcely worthy of the name.

In its stressing of the value of investment and community wealth building the report has much in common with UNISON Scotland's views on [how to drive economic recovery](#) - and our criticisms of the Scottish Government's [private sector led recovery plans](#). This is a wide ranging report, with many urgent recommendations. It's fair to say that underpinning much of the report is the idea that after Covid, there should be [no going back to normal](#)

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## NO GOING BACK TO NORMAL

Coronavirus campus outbreaks UNISON urges vigilance and best practice safety measures

Glasgow's trade unions protest in defence of services and jobs as local government financial crisis mounts

**UNISON Webinars for healthcare students**  
Wednesday evenings 6pm - 8pm

30th September - An introduction to academic writing and study skills  
7th October - An introduction to drug calculations  
14th October - An introduction to drug calculations  
21st October - Thriving in clinical placements - how to make the most out of your placement experiences

Register now using the link above

### UNISON Health student learning month

We're hosting a series of educational webinars this autumn for our healthcare students on topics which will be useful to you at the beginning of this academic year, based on feedback from our Student Nurse and Midwife Network.

They are free to join for all healthcare students though we would encourage you to become full student members of UNISON. **Register and enrol here.**

# Coronavirus: your rights at work

Read our Q&A



## Scottish Government – Programme for Government 2020-21

The Scottish Government has published its programme for 2020-21. This sets out a revised legislative programme and other administrative actions. **This briefing** highlights the issues likely to have the greatest impact on UNISON members. The majority of the Programme for Government comprises activity already announced, either in previous years or more recently, or are to be completed years in the future. Unsurprisingly, the Programme for Government (PfG) is dominated by responses to Covid-19.

**Have you contracted COVID-19 at work? Let us know**

### PICK OF THE MEDIA

24/09/20 [unison.org.uk](http://unison.org.uk)

**Support jobs and strengthen economy to maintain public services, says UNISON**

25/09/20 [foe.scot](http://foe.scot)

Climate Change Act is a year old. What's changed? **Sadly, not much**

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24/09/20 *edinburghnews.scotsman.com*

**UNISON urges Government to step in to stop 'disastrous' Edinburgh city council job cuts.**

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23/09/20 *bbc.co.uk*

**Scotland has 70,000 children on social housing waiting lists.**

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25/09/20 *scotsman.com*

**Life expectancy in Scotland is continuing to stall and is now the lowest in Western Europe.**

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25/09/20 *morningstaronline.co.uk*

Solidarity with these brave Nigerian women **taking on an oil giant**



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.

## 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  
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### Learning in Lockdown

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

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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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