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**JOIN THE YOUNG  
MEMBERS FORUM  
2013/2014**

**UNISON Young Members'  
Newsletter 2013**

Hi

My name is Jamie, I'm the Secretary to the Greater London Region's Young Members Forum and the staff contact for all Young Members in London. The Young Members' Forum is a group of young members that meet, plan and organise how UNISON in London can improve the recruitment, training, and active participation of young members. We want to increase the number of young members and young activists, and give a voice to young workers who work in public services. There has never been a more important time to get involved in your union! Being a member of the Young Members' Forum this year will help you learn more about your union, and give you the advice and support to get active.



Jamie Brown – Secretary to the Young Members' Forum

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Each year we ask every UNISON member aged under 27 years old if they want to join the Greater London Region's Young Members' Forum. An application form is included with this newsletter, you just need to fill it in and post it back in the envelope provided or email your details to [j.brown@unison.co.uk](mailto:j.brown@unison.co.uk) – the deadline to join is 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

**Young Members' Forum Meetings 2013/2014**

Meetings take place 17:30-18:30

- Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Location**

UNISON Greater London Region  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Congress House, Great Russell Street  
London, WC1B 3LS.

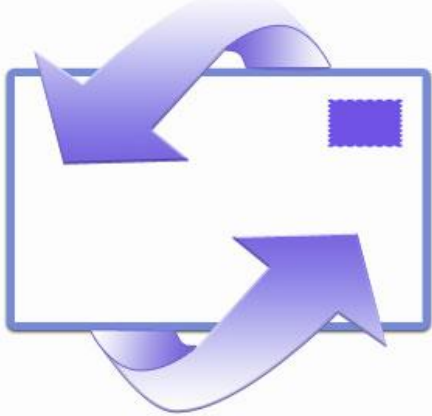
(it's a 5 minute walk from Tottenham Court Road tube station)

**What will the meetings be like?**

- Ask questions, get advice and share best practice
- Guest speakers from Regional and National office on important issues for young members and young activists
- Plan the work of the Young Members Forum – making it deliver for young members

**Join the  
'London Young  
Members in UNISON'  
group on ...**

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## **Young Members Email Network**

JOIN the Young Members' Forum and receive information about campaigns, events and news relevant to you.

**Download the  
New UNISON  
Smartphone App**



UNISON is the first trade union in the UK to introduce a smartphone App that provides in-app guidance about your rights at work:

- It carries news that is relevant to you, and tools to help you join the union online, or update your membership details.
- All our latest campaigns and actions, and information on how you can get involved and help us to support public services.
- An essential app for members, activists and non-members. It's free and will be useful to anyone working in the UK.

To download the app for iPhone, Android or Blackberry visit: [www.unison.org.uk/app](http://www.unison.org.uk/app)



The UNISON app offers the following:

- Up to date advice on your rights at work
- Inside news on protecting public services
- Animations
- Get active - information and advice on how to fight austerity
- Join UNISON
- Update your membership details

# FILM TRAINING

Planning, Shooting, Editing, Uploading

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

This training is designed to teach young members the basics in how to plan, film and edit short films to promote UNISON to young people via YouTube (encouraging non-members to join and current young members to get active).

This creative process will engage you in thinking about how trade unions are portrayed in the media and how you can use your newly acquired skills to promote UNISON and encourage young people to join.

**If you would like to apply please fill in the Young Members Forum JOIN FORM attached, and tick the box for this course.**



## DOES YOUR BRANCH HAVE A YOUNG MEMBERS' OFFICER?

If you are interested in becoming a young members' officer for your branch but would like to find out more please contact [j.brown@unison.co.uk](mailto:j.brown@unison.co.uk) or see the information below about the 'Lost in UNISON' training we are running.

All Young Members' Officers can get support from the Young Members' Forum in helping them to get started with the role and organising, recruiting and representing the views of young members in their branches.

## YOUNG MEMBERS LOST IN UNISON COURSE

Just joined the union and want to understand what it is all about and how it works?

Want to help your union but don't know how?

Interested in being a young members' officer for your branch?

**13:30-17:00, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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### We will cover:

#### The Basics – information you need to know:

- What is a trade union and what does it do?
- The UNISON Branch
- The structure of UNISON – Branch, Region and National levels
- The London Young Members' Forum

#### Getting Active in UNISON

- Finding other young members in your branch
- How to encourage other young people to join and get involved

**If you would like to attend please fill in the Young Members Forum JOIN FORM attached, and tick the box for this course.** We will cover travel costs, if you can provide a receipt.

# NATIONAL YOUNG MEMBERS WEEKEND



## SHEFFIELD 17-19 MAY 2013

- Meet, learn, and socialise with 130 other young members from across the UK
- Plenary sessions, education and training, campaigning exercises, discussions
- Find out more about the union and, more importantly, how you can play a part in the union's campaigning to defend public services.
- Costs (including meals, accommodation, travel, childcare, and other appropriate expenses) will be covered by UNISON

### London can send 10 young members

Any young member can apply (you must be under 27 years old on 19 May 2013) –you just need to be interested in finding out more about UNISON and becoming more actively involved.

Please fill in and return the Young Members' Forum JOIN Form attached, and tick the box for the weekend. The deadline to return the form is 12:00 noon **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

## YOUNG MEMBERS FORUM ELECTIONS AND AGM

### Elections

The forum has its own executive committee and is represented on a number of Regional Committees. A nomination form and details of the responsibilities are attached. All nomination forms must be returned by:

**12:00 noon Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Where multiple nominations are received a postal ballot of forum members will take place.

### Young Members Forum Annual General Meeting 17:30 – 18:30, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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