

Camden UNISON newsletter for Caterlink staff

for a living wage

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UNISON members in Caterlink – Mass Meeting

UNISON reps reported to a mass meeting of Caterlink Workers in September about the campaign for a Living wage.

Caterlink are feeling the pressure of the campaign. They informed us that your new rate of pay from 1st October will be £6.60 an hour. This is 10p an hour greater than the Minimum Wage – or if you work 16 hours a week an extra £1.60 a week!

Caterlink explained to us that if the Council say they should pay the London Living wage then they would. But they have extra money now. Since September they have increased the price of meals by 5p to £2.15. **This is probably bringing in half the money they would need to pay you the London Living Wage.**

At the meeting we agreed to step up the campaign!

Petitions

You will be sent petition sheets for the campaign. These are also being sent to other UNISON reps in Schools, Teaching union reps and other reps in the Council. Our aim is to get 8,000 signed so that we can address the Councillors at a full Council meeting.

Please do your best – ask anyone who lives works or studies in Camden to sign the petition especially parents.

Return signed sheets to Hugo Pierre, Camden UNISON, Crowndale Centre, 218-220 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD. You can ask the school office if they will put it into the internal post bag.

Demonstration – 10th November

We agreed to organise a demonstration at the next Council meeting at 5.30pm on 10th November. We will be writing to the Mayor and the Leader of the Council to come and address your lobby and ask them to make sure they support your claim! Please make sure you and all your work mates attend. If you know other kitchen staff in schools then make sure they attend too.

I am sending you a poster to put up in your locker room.

Payment for INSET days

UNISON demanded that kitchen workers be paid for the five INSET days most of you work each year, and that workers do not have their pay docked for not working them.

From September you should have noticed that when you come in on an INSET day, the hours are clearly marked as additional hours. This means that if you worked on the INSET days in September you should have received extra pay. If you have not, please let UNISON know. We are still pursuing Caterlink for backpay and have a sample of schools that we are putting forward. We are hoping once they agree that we can deal with the rest of you in a collective way.



**Remember – Demonstration, Camden Town Hall,
Judd Street, 10th November at 5.30pm**