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Welcome to the latest edition of our
UNISON Members' Newsletter

Included in this edition are the results from our
2026 Survey which revealed the following
insights:

61% - Positive Comments

12% - Issues regarding contact

8% - Retried Member Issues

8% - National Issues

5% - School Issues

4% - Care Worker Issues

2% - Ongoing Campaigns

Please turn the page to find out how we
responded to your comments & feedback.



Survey Response



Thank you to everyone who shared their views and raised issues with us as part of this year's survey. Here's an update on the key areas raised by our members, and what we did as a result.

- **Contact Issues — 12%**

Nicola Halford has been promoting UNISON throughout County Durham with her **UNISON On Tour** campaign, raising awareness about how to become a member and how to access the support you need.

- **Retired Member Issues — 8%**

A meeting with members of the **Retired Group** took place on 21st August 2026. Discussions are currently underway about reviving the group, and we look forward to keeping members updated as this work progresses. Look out for a full report in the next Newsletter.

- **National Issues — 8%**

Comments and concerns relating to specific political issues have been noted and forwarded to our regional office for further consideration and action.

- **School Issues — 5%**

We are pleased to announce that **Jackie Woods has been appointed as School Lead**. Wherever possible, Jackie will be the first point of contact for members working in schools and will provide support on issues affecting education workers.

- **Care Worker Issues — 4%**

Andrea Egan became UNISON's General Secretary earlier this year. She began her public sector career as a residential care worker before qualifying as a social worker fifteen years ago.

Since the start of the year, UNISON has continued to campaign for the rights of care workers, recognising the vital contribution they make to our communities and public services. This important work will continue.

Your Voice Matters

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. **Please keep sharing your thoughts, concerns and experiences with us.**



Durham UNISON

Xmas Shopping Trip to Leeds Saturday, 28th November 2026

Lee's Coaches will pick up
at the following points:

Coach A

Stanley (Bus Station) - 9am

Durham - 9.30am

(Sutton Street/North Road Opposite Domino's)

Spennymoor (Leisure Centre) - 9.45am

Coach B

Peterlee (Leisure Centre) - 9am

Newton Aycliffe (St Clare's Church) - 9.40am

All coaches will depart Leeds at 5pm

Tickets: Members **£10**, Non Members **£15**,
Children **£5**

To obtain a booking form, please email the office:
unison@durham.gov.uk

DURHAM UNISON

Invites its members and their families to The Gala Theatre's Performance of:

Rapunzel

PERFORMANCE DATES AVAILABLE:

MONDAY, 28TH DECEMBER - 3PM
OR
WEDNESDAY, 30TH DECEMBER - 6.30PM

TICKET PRICES:

£10 - UNISON MEMBER
£15 - NON-MEMBER
£10- CHILD

*MAXIMUM OF 3 NON-MEMBER TICKETS
PER BOOKING*

**TICKETS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

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