



Young people deserve better

Young people are being hit hard as the government's austerity programme cuts jobs and vital support services.

No wonder people are talking about a 'lost generation' and 'a generation without hope' – young people are bearing the brunt of this government's austerity agenda:

- mass youth unemployment and workfare
- sky-high tuition fees
- abolition of the Education Maintenance Allowance
- scrapping of the Connexions careers services
- closure of youth services
- cuts to housing benefits.

The situation is not much better for young people who do have work. Too many are in low-paid jobs with little or no security. And young people face higher levels of bullying and harassment than many other workers. UNISON – the trade union for public service, community and voluntary group workers – says that young people deserve better. UNISON is campaigning for an alternative to the government's austerity agenda. And we believe that decent jobs and high-quality public services providing support for young people are essential elements to a sustainable economic recovery.

Now, more than ever, it makes sense to join us.
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Get in!

Did you know that on average young people in trade unions earn nearly 38% more than young people who aren't?*

If you have a job or apprenticeship in public services, the community or voluntary sector, now – more than ever – it makes sense to join us. UNISON is the trade union for public service workers. We have 1.3 million members, and almost 65,000 of them are under the age of 27. UNISON young members get a say at every level of the union, setting our agenda and making sure their concerns are at the heart of what we do.

We campaign for:

- an end to mass youth unemployment
- age equality
- a decent minimum wage
- properly paid apprenticeships that lead to real jobs
- affordable housing
- the right to vote at age 16.

Young UNISON members get the same support and services as other members, which includes negotiating on pay, terms and conditions, representation when things go wrong, and access to education and training opportunities.

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