

## **Motion for Dundee Unison LG Branch AGM - 3rd March 2017**

### **Social Workers Without Borders (SWWB)**

This Branch applauds the work of those volunteers, including several UNISON members in Social Services throughout the UK, who have given their time to the work of SWWB, an activist organisation of social workers set up in 2016 to promote the interests of asylum seekers and refugees. Such work includes activity within the Calais Refugee camp to support, assess and secure UK entry for children resident there prior to the camp's 'closure'. We agree with SWWB's position that the 'refugee crisis' in Europe is a result of structural oppression both here and overseas - and is a crisis of care, not a crisis caused by those who flee wars, extreme oppression and poverty in their homelands .

We agree to support SWWB and help raise its profile within and beyond our trade union by:

1. Supporting the development of activity of SWWB including if possible, inviting a speaker to a future Branch meeting
2. Sending a suitably worded version of this motion to UNISON Scottish Council seeking their support for SWWB
3. Supporting sending a suitably worded version of this motion to 2017 UNISON National Local Government Conference seeking national support for SWWB (with Regional support as 1. above)
4. Supporting sending a suitably worded version of this motion to 2017 UNISON National Delegate Conference seeking national support for SWWB (with Regional support as 1. Above)
5. Sponsoring a SWWB Lunchtime Fringe Meeting at June 2017 UNISON National Local Government Conference in Brighton – seeking support of UNISON Scotland and other UNISON Regions for this venture

Proposed: Tom Adamson

Seconded: Arthur Nicoll