

## **Branch Communications Officer – Report to AGM 2018**

Now located in Dundee House, (although for how long is not certain), I have been better able to keep in touch with branch activities.

We haven't had the same volume of bulletins this year, partly due to the end of some of the targeted local organiser work. Nonetheless, it has been a busy year, particularly in the area of Social Care. Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DundeeCityUnison/> has been well used and followed.

Where possible, we have tied this in with content on the Branch website (<http://www.dundeeunison.org.uk/>) and vice versa.

We were very effective in using Facebook, the website and other means to get one of the best returns in the Pay Consultative Ballot last spring. It was unfortunate this was still only around a 30% return.

We've been communicating on a number of issues over the year, including:

- Budget cuts and negotiations over Terms & Conditions
- Pay
- The Split Shift working proposals in Social Care
- Advice to Social Workers
- Wider political campaigning such as Anti Racism, Anti-Austerity etc.

It is clear that organising, campaigning and winning results in ballots etc. depends heavily on having good, reliable contact details and methods for as many of our members as possible.

WE NEED YOU to keep your contact details up to date. We can do our best but the information the employer regularly shares in managing your union contributions is limited. Correct Postal addresses are the very basic necessity for maintaining our ability to keep in touch.

In this electronic age, however, Emails and Mobile Numbers can open up the ability for us to react quickly and give you up to the minute information that (provided you have maintained your work details) is relevant and even targeted for you.

**SO PLEASE, go to <https://www.unison.org.uk/my-unison> and register/login to keep your details up to date.**

You'll need your member Number – that should be displayed on any letter we send you (such as the AGM notice).

You can also get your member number by calling Barry at the branch office.

**Again, please remember** that our union is unique in having its own welfare service that provides lots of general and individual assistance at times of need. This service “**There For You**” is run by our branch volunteer Welfare activists/officers. In Dundee City Branch our Welfare Officer is **Roz Ronan**. Contact Barry at the branch office and ask for Roz. You may never know how we may be able to help until you ask. It's free and confidential.

Fraternal Greetings, Arthur Nicoll

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### **Details to Keep (Tear off and keep in your wallet/purse):**

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**Branch Chair/Treasurer:** Margaret McGuire

**Branch Admin Officer:** Barry Inglis

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/DundeeCityUnison/](http://www.facebook.com/DundeeCityUnison/)

**My Unison:** <https://www.unison.org.uk/my-unison> **Member No:** \_\_\_\_\_