



Dear Colleague

I am writing on behalf of the University of Leeds UNISON branch and would like to welcome you to the University. UNISON is the largest public sector trade union working to support and protect almost 1.3 million people working in the public sector. The University of Leeds UNISON branch is the largest HE branch in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region.

Did you know, as a UNISON member, you can access:

- Unrivalled protection and representation at work
- Help with your pay and conditions of service
- Health and safety guidance and support
- Confidential welfare services for you and your dependents in difficult times
- Education and training advice and courses
- Special deals on a range of things from computers, holidays, mortgages, insurance, and car breakdown services to tax returns and credit cards
- Free branch trips to the seaside, socials throughout the year and more. Check our social media for details (see below)

You can join UNISON online at the website below - it takes less than 10 minutes to join up! At Leeds, we represent members in all areas of support work, across all pay grades; it's fair to say that our members are involved in every aspect of University life. To find out more about our campaigns and social activities, connect with us on our website, Facebook and Twitter.

On the application form you will be asked to donate to UNISON's campaign fund or the UNISON Labour Link fund. The campaign fund is not politically affiliated and supports local and national UNISON campaigns. The Labour Link fund also supports local and national UNISON campaigns, but through the Labour Party. We would urge all members to sign up to one of these funds.

If you would like to discuss UNISON and your potential membership further, please feel free to contact me at [a.blackburn@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:a.blackburn@leeds.ac.uk) or ext. 32343. Alternatively, there is an open-door surgery 10am-1pm every Friday at the UNISON office, 7.50 EC Stoner building.

Once again, on behalf of UNISON, welcome to the University.

Yours sincerely,

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