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With politicians drastically cutting public spending, essential public services are seriously under threat.

And so are the jobs of the dedicated public service workers who serve our communities in schools, hospitals, town halls, libraries, social care and a thousand other vital local services.

The government says these cuts are necessary to balance the books after the financial recession. But they are cutting so hard and so fast, that many people fear it will tip us back into a crisis.

Why should low paid public service workers pay the price when the bankers who caused the recession are still earning bonuses?

And how will cutting people's jobs help us to work our way out of a recession?

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HERE TO SUPPORT YOU
– JOIN US TODAY



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UNISON believes there is a better way – we want to see investment in jobs and services, and bankers and the super-rich paying a fair share of tax. That's why we are campaigning to defend public services and the people who provide them.

So if you are worried about your public service job, join UNISON today.

Our professional team of local advisors, legal experts and negotiators will provide you with help at work when you need it most. You spend your working life looking after people. Let UNISON look after you.

Fill in this application form and return it to your UNISON workplace rep, or join online today. Alternatively send your completed form to UNISON at the address below:

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Join UNISON – defending you

Please fill in this form in BLOCK CAPITALS using black ink and give it to your UNISON rep or steward or post to the address on the back page

1. YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS *Please tick or fill in the boxes below*

Mrs	Ms	Miss	Mr	Other
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First name	Other initial(s)
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Surname/Family name	Date of birth / /
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Home address
Postcode

National insurance number (from your payslip)

Please tick this box if you require materials in a different format (eg large print or Braille) – be sure to supply contact details below

Please give a telephone number/voice/text/email address for UNISON to contact you – indicate if work or home

Contact tel/voice/text/email

How would you describe your ethnic origin?

<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Black UK
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Black African	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> White UK
<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> White Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian UK		

2. YOUR EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Employer's name

Your job title/occupation

Department/section

Workplace name and address

Postcode	Payroll number (from your payslip)
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3. WHAT YOU WILL PAY – *rates include a branch levy of 5% of the normal national contributions

Please tick the appropriate box for your earnings before deductions.

Weekly pay	Annual pay	YOUR SUBSCRIPTION—WHAT YOU PAY*		Band	Please tick the appropriate box to indicate how often you are paid
		per week	per month		
Up to £38.47	Up to £2,000	£0.32	£1.36	A	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
£38.48–£96.16	£2,001–£5,000	£0.85	£3.68	B	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly
£96.17–£153.84	£5,001–£8,000	£1.28	£5.56	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Four Weekly
£153.85–£211.53	£8,001–£11,000	£1.60	£6.93	D	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
£211.54–£269.23	£11,001–£14,000	£1.90	£8.24	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick this box if you are a student member in full-time education (including student nurses or Modern Apprentices). Your subscription is £10 per year.
£269.24–£326.92	£14,001–£17,000	£2.35	£10.18	F	
£326.93–£384.61	£17,001–£20,000	£2.78	£12.07	G	
£384.62–£480.76	£20,001–£25,000	£3.39	£14.70	H	
£480.77–£576.92	£25,001–£30,000	£4.18	£18.11	I	
£576.93–£673.08	£30,001–£35,000	£4.91	£21.31	J	
£673.08+	over £35,000	£5.45	£23.62	K	

4. POLITICAL FUND

UNISON's Affiliated Political Fund (APF) is used to campaign for and promote UNISON policy and the need for quality public services within the Labour Party, locally and nationally, in Parliament and Europe. UNISON APF affiliates to the Labour Party.

UNISON's General Political Fund (GPF) is used to pay for campaigning at branch, regional and national levels of the union and for research and lobbying in Parliament and Europe. It is independent of support for any political party.

It is important that you indicate a choice of fund by ticking one of the boxes below.

Your subscription shown above includes a political fund payment so you do not pay any more by being in one of the funds.

5. YOUR AUTHORISATION

- I wish to join UNISON and accept its rules and constitution.
- I authorise deduction of UNISON subscriptions from my salary/wages at the rate determined by UNISON in accordance with its rules to be paid over to them on my behalf and I authorise my employer to provide information to UNISON to keep my records up to date
- I authorise deduction of the following Political Fund payment as part of my subscription: tick one box only

<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliated Political Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> General Political Fund
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Now please sign and date below

Signature

Date

OTHER WAYS TO PAY

direct debit cheque
(please tick if appropriate)

If you have been a member of a trade union before, please state which one:

DATA PROTECTION

UNISON will process your membership information together with other information for administration, statistical analysis, conducting ballots and other statutory requirement purposes.

We may also send you newsletters, journals and surveys and let you know about educational and campaigning matters. We will disclose your information to our service providers and agents for these purposes.

If you do not want any mailings from UNISON besides those required by statute as shown in bold above, please tick this box.

We may share your information with organisations with whom we have a business relationship for your benefit. We, or they, may contact you by mail, telephone, SMS, fax or e-mail to let you know about goods, services or promotions which we think may be of interest to you.

If you do not wish to receive such information please tick this box.