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Scotland's Young Members' Newsletter

Carrie Bell Rings in the Changes at AGM



The Scottish Young Members' March training weekend culminated in their AGM on Sunday 25 March. The AGM saw the election of a new Chair – Carrie Bell from NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

Carrie is 24 years old and has been a UNISON member since 2000 when she joined as a student occupational therapist. She became an activist in 2004 when her

department underwent a restructure and there were subsequent proposals for job losses.

Shortly after Carrie joined the Young Members' and we've all had many an adventure since but that's a matter for another time, another place!!

Recently Carrie has been helping the Young Members' with their recruitment by giving birth to baby Aimee. She's due to go back to work from maternity leave soon. On taking on the Young Members' Chair as well as all the other things she's got on her plate Carrie said, "I'll get a lot of support from my branch and fellow young members' so I know that it's not as if I'm taking on a huge burden as Chair; equally, at home, my partner, David, is fully supportive of my trade union activity. We've got a good committee to form a sound basis upon which to take our work forward so I'm really looking forward to my time as Chair."

First time at conference...?

If you're a young member attending National Delegate Conference with your branch please let Janet Stewart know and she can put you in touch with other Scottish young members' who are attending.

Farewell Fiona

Fiona Smith received an emotional farewell as she stepped down from the Chair of the Scottish Young Members' Committee at their AGM. Fiona has been a member for over 8 years and says that it has been a great privilege to Chair the committee "I cannot describe how much I have enjoyed my time with the Young Members'. I feel like a proud parent waving goodbye to my baby but I do know that it is a baby which will continue to thrive and move forward with their plans. I wish Carrie all the very best in her new role as Chair and I am confident that she will lead the Committee exceptionally well."



Photo: Carrie, Fiona & Laura Beth with gifts for Fiona

To Close to Call

Graham Smith, UNISON young members officer from North Ayrshire Local Government Branch managed to raise over **£500** for Comic Relief without even realising it.

Graham was travelling on a bus to Inverness when his office phoned to say he was getting his hair shaved off!

The very generous staff in his office managed to raise the money through email donations in just one day! Pretty amazing!

Graham is an active young member regionally and within his branch. Already Graham has attended this years STUC Congress and is a Scottish delegate to the National Young Members' Weekend in Belfast.



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Workers Beer Company

Do you want to attend either the Outsider Festival (Aviemore 23rd - 24th June) or the Indian Summer Festival (Glasgow 14th - 15th July) and support UNISON activity for Young Members at the same time???

The Workers Beer Company will be running the beer tents at both these events and UNISON Scottish Young Members hopes to send teams of servers to them. The way it works is you are asked to volunteer to work a six hour shift each day pouring and serving drinks. In return you get free access to the rest of the event, access to the WBC Villiage (for Aviemore) and a couple of free drinks at the end of your shift. UNISON will be sent a donation equal to a £6 per hour rate for each hour a UNISON volunteer works.

If you or your friends are interested please let Janet Stewart know as soon as possible.

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Pack up your Bucket and Spade

The Scottish Young Members Committee are supporting this years UNISON Welfare's Bucket and Spade appeal on Sunday the 27th of May.

Fancy walking around Millport or trying out the dangers of hiring a tandem to make the trip around Millport to raise money for a worth while charity. The Bucket & Spade Appeal aims to raise £150,000 for family holidays provided by UNISON Welfare. If you are interested in taking part in this event please contact Janet Stewart ASAP so that we have numbers. There is a £5 registration fee for this event.

Smile around the Isle