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Cambridge University Branch 0775M Working to protect staff in Cambridge University

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CONTRIBUTION AWARD!

Don't be shy go apply!

Have you been keeping things going for the University during the lockdown? Don't forget to apply for a contribution payment this year. Thanks to UNITE, the University has agreed to fund payments centrally this year for grades 1 to 5.



HORAY HORAY, YOU CAN HOLD YOUR HOLIDAY, (OR TEN DAYS OF IT)!

Don't forget, thanks to UNITE, you can hold 10 leave days over this year! This applies across the departments. If anyone tells you different get in touch!



WHAT HAS THE UNION DONE FOR US?

UNITE has been busy during this lockdown, both nationally and locally.

We have been instrumental in negotiations with the government in getting financial aid to those unable to work. We have been campaigning for safe working conditions for workers.

Locally UNITE members are active on committees and in the workplace, getting involved at the highest (and lowest) levels to make sure we can all get back to work safely.

It's no secret that the HE sector faces some trying times. While Cambridge is a Wealthy organisation (when it chooses to be...), nationally the picture is not so rosy. The casualisation of the work force in many places has left those on short term or zero hours contracts vulnerable. It is easy to imagine the outsourcing companies getting ready to swoop in with predatory pricing, seducing vulnerable Universities with short term savings, at the expense of hard won terms and conditions.

Even here a slow moving bastion of tradition, we all know of administrators who are itching to "Modernise" by contracting everything out.

It's more important than ever to join a union, and actively support it. GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.