

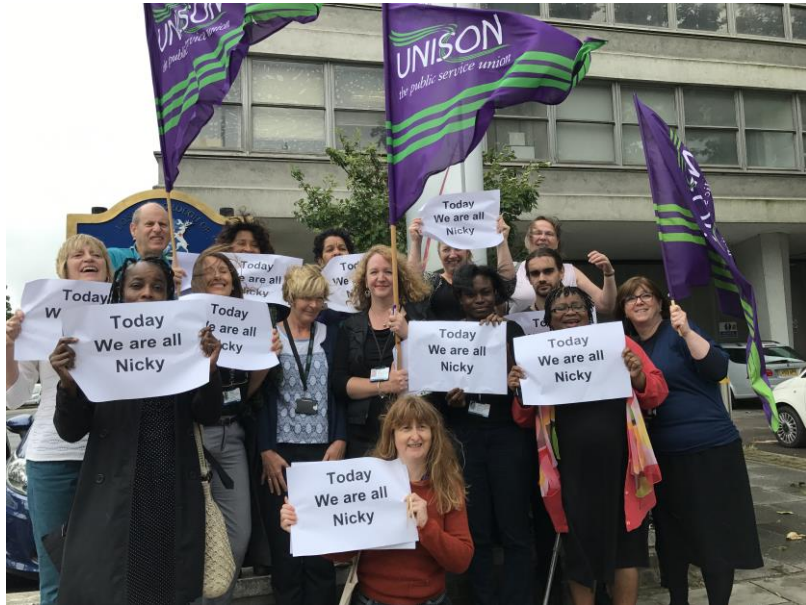
## The Barnet One. There's Only One Nicky Mahn!



Barnet UNISON received notice today that one of our dedicated reps has died. Nicky Mahn worked as an Assessment and Enablement Officer (AEO), formerly titled Community Care Officer. She never hesitated in her support for the union and other workers or hesitated in her support for workers in dispute. She had the biggest heart which meant rather than protect herself, she would want to protect others first. She was a rep for over 20 years.

There is a strong and understandable inclination for colleagues in trouble at work to want to keep it private and deal with it with minimum fuss and attention. However, sometimes a case can highlight a larger injustice and if a colleague agrees then we can turn their issue into a campaign to expose the injustice at hand and improve matters such that no other colleague has to go through the same. Nicky understood this and in 2017 agreed, along with her colleagues, that what she was being targeted for, needed to be campaigned about. In essence her case was the way in which colleagues generally were being told to pump out the work and accept allocations with scant regard for whether it was realistic to complete all the necessary recording of actions.

Nicky avoided being dismissed thanks to this campaign and her part in it.



There is an echo in this issue within the Mental Health strike today and of course Nicky supported this dispute as much as she could before she went off sick. Much more could be said about Nicky but hopefully this conveys a snapshot of the essence of her and what her loss means to our movement.

Our condolences to her family and colleagues. Nicky Mahn RIP.

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## **Solidarity Fundraiser for Mental Health social work strikers**

**STRIKE FUNDRAISER!**  
**IN SOLIDARITY WITH BARNET MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS**

**FRIDAY 12 JANUARY  
6:30-11PM  
PELICAN HOUSE,  
144 CAMBRIDGE HEATH  
ROAD, LONDON E1 5QJ**

**ORGANISED BY UNISON YOUNG  
MEMBERS IN GREATER  
LONDON**

I want to give a big thanks to UNISON Young Members – Greater London Region for organising a “Strike Fundraiser for Barnet Mental Health Workers!” It is truly both humbling and inspiring that our UNISON Young Members are prepared to take the time to organise this event. (John Burgess Branch Secretary Barnet UNISON).

Please click on link to register.

<https://www.outsavvy.com/event/17466/strike-fundraiser-for-barnet-mental-health-workers>

**Read about details below.**

Our comrades, the Mental Health Workers at Barnet Council, have been on strike over poor pay and dangerous working conditions that put the lives of the people they care for at risk. There were also new colleagues who wanted to join the strike but council management has blocked members from taking action. We commend our brave comrades and Unison Young Members – Greater London Region are hosting this fundraiser to support them whilst on strike.

Join us at Pelican House, 144 Cambridge Heath Road and expect some great music with live DJ's, a raffle and some cheap food and drinks. Event kicks off at 6:30pm until 11pm. Let's party and dance in solidarity with the brave strikers! 🎉🎉🎉

Tickets are £7 advance and £10 at the door.  
Striking workers go free! ALL funds going to directly to strike relief fund.

The event space has level access. There is a gender neutral accessible bathroom available for use directly next to the event space which does not require a radar key.

There is no parking at the event space, the nearest Blue Badge parking is on Parmiter Street, approximately 965 metres away, where there are 2 on street bays, with a 3hr maximum. We can open the gate to let a car through with advance notice, but it is not normally possible to park a car there for the duration of an event.

Hasta la victoria siempre!! 🇺🇰🇺🇰

Organised By UNISON Young Members – Greater London Region

Organiser of Strike Fundraiser for Barnet Mental Health Workers!

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## **Solidarity Mass lobby Tuesday 30 January 6 pm** **Hendon Town Hall**

**Barnet UNISON is calling for solidarity  
at our Mass Lobby of Barnet Council**



**Tuesday 30 January 2024  
6-7.30 pm Hendon Town  
Hall, The Burroughs,  
London NW4 4BG**

**Support our Mental Health social worker strikers**

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## **Big Solidarity from Southend UNISON**



*Thanks Southend UNISON for your solidarity message below:*

**Hi Barnet**

**Apologies this is late I have been ill as have others– Tuesday we had one of our festive socials and donated our raffle prize £80 plus an extra £200 (to be ratified at the executive.)**

**in solidarity to Barnet social workers and applaud their on going, solid fight. Making a brilliant stand against the miserly bosses There were over 40 of our members applauding and agreeing to send this money as they know how important this strike is, it's a strike highlighting the serious pressure Social workers have to work under, with reduced resources reduced pay and yet higher case loads.**

**The photo is a clear message that this branch stands in solidarity with Barnet MHSW and will continue to support where we can  
Respect to Barnet Strikers!"**

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**London Living Wage and The Barnet Group**

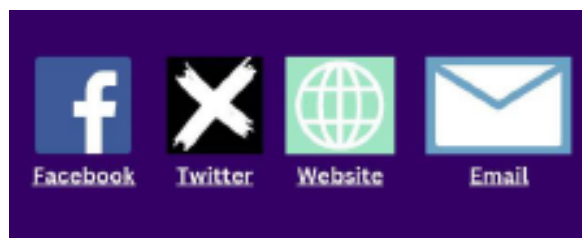


The lowest paid group of workers in The Barnet Group are the workers who will go through the whole of 2023 without an increase in pay. This is thanks to a decision by The Barnet Group to pay the London Living Wage increase in May 2024. Barnet Council could end this terrible state of affairs by agreeing to make payments to The Barnet Group which would enable the London Living Wage to be paid immediately. However, between two employers which can afford 2 Chief Executives, duplicate staffing of directors and support services, they have decided to withhold this money to balance the books. It's good to know Barnet Council is continuing a well-trodden path of making the poorest pay the most for a crisis.

Barnet UNISON is meeting with members over the next couple of weeks to hear the views of our members. If you want to be involved in a meeting and don't know where to go, please write to [contactus@barnetunison.org.uk](mailto:contactus@barnetunison.org.uk)

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