

UNISON Eastern young members

About the committee



The young members committee makes sure that young workers have a voice throughout UNISON. It is where the issues that affect young people are discussed and is made up of UNISON members like you.

The committee consists of 12 people. Ideally there will be two committee members (at least one of which must be a woman) from each of the six counties in the region: Essex, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Hertfordshire.

In addition to being on the committee, you can stand for any of the following positions. You can nominate yourself for multiple roles.

- Two committee co-chairs. These are the people who run the young members meetings and the committee. At least one chair must be a woman.
- Two delegates to the national YM forum. This gives young members a voice at national level. At least one of the delegates must be a woman. There are four forum meetings each year.
- Two delegates to regional council. This gives young members a voice at regional level. At least one of the delegates must be a woman and one of these will sit on the regional executive committee.
- One representative to each of the self-organised groups (SOGs). These are groups within UNISON to ensure that members from traditionally under-represented backgrounds have a voice. Representation matters and it's important that all voices are heard. You must indicate which SOG you wish to stand for, they are: Black members, Women, Disabled Members, and LGBT+ members.
- One delegate to National Delegate Conference. This gives the region's young members a voice when the most important decisions are made in UNISON. If UNISON is to debate issues that affect young members then it should not be left to just the old members to make those decisions. UNISON will cover the cost for you to attend conference.
- One representative to UNISON's Labour Link Committee - You must be a member of the Labour Party and pay into the UNISON Labour Link political fund.

■ One representative to each of the regional service group committees: Health; Local Government; Higher Education; Police, probation and CAF/CASS; Community; Energy; Water, environment and transport. You must work in the service group that you wish to stand for.

Further information

You can nominate yourself to multiple positions.

You must be aged 30 or under on 31 December 2026 to stand for the committee or any committee positions.

Positions on the committee will be elected by those attending the AGM, and this is when all posts will be confirmed.

You do not have to have been active in UNISON to self-nominate, support will be given if you have not done something like this before. It is new faces that keep the committee moving forward.

The committee meets four times per year and we are looking for UNISON young members that want to be actively involved and who want to become a voice and advocate for issues that affect young workers.

Anyone can self-nominate for any of the committee positions. However there are certain posts where some sort of experience is useful, in particular the committee co-chairs, the national forum seats and the regional council seats.

Nominations will close on Friday 19 December at 5pm. An election will take place at the AGM if there are too many people interested in standing for any of the positions.

If this happens you will be contacted and ask to either submit a statement of no more than 150 words, or to talk at the AGM for a maximum of 4 minutes to support your nomination. Nominees will be contacted on Friday 2 January with further information.