

Bolton Union Women Win Union Race

Two of Bolton's leading trade unionists, Bernadette Gallagher and Karen Reissmann have both been elected to the National Executive Committee of public service trade union, UNISON. Unison represents 1.4 million public service workers across the UK. The election results come as the union prepares for an autumn campaign against changes to public service pensions.

Bernadette Gallagher is Branch Secretary of the Bolton UNISON trade union branch which represents 5,750 members within Bolton Council, Bolton at Home and various other local employers. Karen Reissmann is a well known mental health campaigner, Bolton NHS Nurse and a union representative with the Bolton Health branch of UNISON. Karen previously attracted a great deal of media attention when she fought a long running, high profile campaign against unfair dismissal and victimisation with a previous NHS employer.

Kieran Grogan a UNISON representative with Bolton at Home stood for a young member's position on the National Executive but was unsuccessful.

Florence Hill Chair of Bolton Unison said "We are absolutely delighted for Bernadette, her record as someone who works tirelessly for members speaks for itself. It is excellent that she will be joined by Karen who is passionate about standing up for the NHS and other public services. Our commiserations to go to Kieran, he did well at his first attempt but hopefully he will do much better next time. Never the less we are really proud that Bolton women will help lead the way in our union"