

STOP THE WITCH-HUNT

DEFEND

PAT LAWLOR

Pat Lawlor, Nursing Convener at the Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast is currently 'under investigation' by the National Executive of UNISON. Pat's alleged 'crime' is that he spoke out in support of classroom assistants on strike and for daring to criticise the actions of the leadership of UNISON.



During the classroom assistants strike, Pat did what any decent trade unionist should have done - publicly supported workers on strike. The regional leadership of UNISON refused to do so. Their actions actually undermined the classroom assistants strike. Because Pat chose to express solidarity with workers in struggle, he now faces disciplinary action being taken against him. He may even be expelled from UNISON.

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An attack on every UNISON member

The real reason for this witch-hunt against a UNISON shop steward is to strangle at birth any opposition to the right-wing leadership of UNISON. They are relying on intimidation tactics to silence those who disagree with their 'leadership'. Pat was democratically elected by UNISON members to represent their interests. In contrast, the regional leadership of UNISON has NEVER been elected! Pat has energetically campaigned for UNISON to oppose Agenda for Change, fight low pay, cuts in services and privatisation.

Every member of UNISON should have the right to criticise the actions of the leadership. Any disciplinary action taken against Pat Lawlor is an attack on the democratic rights of all UNISON members. That is why we are appealing for your support.

You can defend democracy in UNISON

You can help defend democratic rights in UNISON by signing the petition in support of Pat Lawlor. Even better, you can also ask your workmates to also sign the petition. Contact us below and we will send you some petitions.

Send messages of protest against any action taken against Pat Lawlor to the following:

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