

NORTH WEST PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION (NWPA)

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Winter Fuel Payments: Letter from UNITE: You may have seen the news yesterday that Rachel Reeves has confirmed plans to reinstate the winter fuel payment from this winter. This comes after sustained pressure from Unite and the National Pensioners Convention, including mass mobilisations and unprecedented legal action. The formal announcement with full details is expected in the Spending Review next Wednesday, 10th June. In the meantime, we need to keep making the case for full reinstatement of the payment to all pensioners, paid for by a tax on extreme wealth. We are organising a stunt this Monday, 9th June at 11am outside Downing St. Are you able to make it? Let us know by emailing UFWE@unitetheunion.org or clicking the button below. Email us. Not able to make it on Monday? Download leaflets here to campaign in your local area instead. Rachel Reeves yesterday in a press conference confirmed plans to raise the threshold for eligibility for winter fuel payments. She told journalists it will be done in time for this winter. However, Pensions Minister Torsten Bell ruled out reinstating winter fuel as a universal payment for all pensioners. We still do not know who will be eligible or how much they will be paid. We are expecting further details in the Spending Review next Wednesday, 11th June. That is why we are organising an action outside Downing St this Monday, 9th June at 11am to demand a wealth tax and full reinstatement of the winter fuel payment. Email UFWE@unitetheunion.org to confirm attendance. In solidarity, Josh Defend the Winter Fuel Campaign

Pensioner Poverty: report by Independent Age – Too little, too late

<https://www.independentage.org/policy-and-research/TooLittleTooLateReport>

Commissioner for Older People:

<https://www.independentage.org/campaigning/commissioner>

Carers: Open letter to the PM about benefit cuts

<https://www.carersuk.org/news-and-campaigns/our-campaigns/disability-and-health-benefits-cuts/open-letter-to-the-prime-minister-on-welfare-reform/>

Buses for the blind and disabled: suggested letter to MP:

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fmembers.cspa.co.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2025%2F05%2FNFBUK-Letter.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELI>

Disability Cuts: petition from Organise:

<https://the.organise.network/campaigns/stop-pip-cuts-email-your-mp?zip=BB5>



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UNITE Fair Funding Campaign: We are taking action and holding a rally outside Parliament on Monday 16th June at 1pm, to tell the Government to give councils proper funding now! Can you join us to send the message loud and clear? Council services are on their knees. We need an urgent reform of how councils are funded. A growing number of councils are on the brink of bankruptcy, slashing jobs and services in desperate attempt to remain afloat. Council workers losing their jobs and communities losing services which are lifelines to their community. We need to stand together and demand the Government do something. Will you stand with us on the 16th June and fight for the services which are at the heart of our communities?

NHS Palantir: I'm getting in touch with an important update on the controversial NHS Federated Data Platform (FDP) run by pro-Trump US spy tech company Palantir. To recap, last summer Health Secretary Wes Streeting sought to speed up the rollout of Palantir's technology by demanding that all NHS Trusts in England adopt it. We feared that this marked the end of the road for our fight to get Palantir away from NHS patients' health data. BUT, it turns out that the rollout of the FDP is NOT going to plan! Across England, multiple NHS trusts have raised concerns and are resisting the rollout of the FDP. Their reluctance reflects real anxiety about the ethics of a company like Palantir working within our NHS, as well as fears that this platform could lead to reduced capabilities, loss of local control, and eventual commercialisation of NHS data services. To help shed light on what's happening, some of our campaign partners have launched a new tool that tracks how each Trust is responding to the FDP rollout - information we can use to demand transparency and pressure for alternative, public-led solutions. If you live in England, look up your local NHS Trust now! As we've been saying for years, Palantir's involvement in the FDP raises huge questions about privacy, accountability, and the future of NHS data. Palantir is a US-based tech firm with deep ties to military and intelligence agencies. Their top execs are amongst Donald Trump's closest allies. It built its reputation on surveillance and military technology—not public service or healthcare. And right now it's actively resourcing mass violence and war crimes committed against Palestinians by the Israeli state. We cannot allow NHS data to become a profit-making asset for a deadly private tech giant. And although the government is trying to impose Palantir upon the NHS, patients and NHS staff across the country are resisting. We will continue to do all we can to make the rollout of Palantir's technology unworkable. We're working closely with NHS workers resisting the rollout, and consulting with allied legal experts to find avenues that can shut it down and protect patients' data. But we are a small organisation taking on another multibillion dollar company threatening our NHS. So if you

think that this work matters, please help by making a donation today! Donate to defend patients' data rights , Thanks for your support, Hope at Just Treatment

NHS – stop privatisation send message to Wes Streeting

https://the.organise.network/surveys/your-message-to-wes-streeting-nhs-2025?utm_source=org

Survey to stop taxing pensions: from organise:

<https://the.organise.network/surveys/state-pension-tax-tactic-survey>

WASPI Campaign: We have some excellent news. Today the Court confirmed that a High Court Judge has granted permission for our case to proceed to a full judicial review hearing. The Judge determined that, as we have always known, our case is arguable and “ought to be considered at a final hearing”. This important milestone in the case shows that we were right to press ahead with our judicial review challenge. We look forward now to presenting our case at a full hearing in the High Court. In the meantime, the Court is urgently listing an ‘interim’ hearing to consider, among other things, the application we have made for a Cost Capping Order. As we have previously explained, a cost capping order is absolutely vital for our case, as it means the costs the Government can recover from us will be limited if we do not succeed at the final hearing. The outcome of this interim hearing will be critical to whether we can take our claim all the way without the risk of paying unlimited and unknown costs to the Government if we don’t win. We will keep you updated about that interim hearing and share with you any documents we can in due course. Now that we have crossed this important hurdle, we need to raise further funds to cover the costs of the next stage in the case. As you know, we set our stretch target to £230,000 back in April and we are some way off meeting that target. We appreciate that you have all donated generously to date and if you are willing to do so, we would be very grateful for any further donations you, your friends, relatives and colleagues could make towards our fighting fund. Please do share the link to our CrowdJustice page with your networks so that we can continue to fight for justice for WASPI women. Thanks to every one of you who has supported us so far and made it possible for us to achieve this important step towards victory. With best wishes The WASPI team

Saving Landlines petition: <https://www.change.org/p/save-our-landlines-stop-forced-digital-switchovers-keep-heather-safe/>

Ban on MPs having second jobs: 38 degrees:

<https://act.38degrees.org.uk/act/ban-mps-second->

[jobs?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=blast116937](https://act.38degrees.org.uk/act/ban-mps-second-jobs?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=blast116937)

