Community and voluntary sector workers group

Members of UNISON are setting up a community and voluntary sector worker’s group in Brighton and Hove.

We know that the organisations we work for are under increasing pressure to lose sight of their commitment to local communities and provide ‘services’ for less and less money - often services that have historically been provided by the public sector.

This clearly impacts on members of community groups and those who use their services, but it also impacts on workers.

We have heard of many examples where workers have been pressurised to take wage cuts, work additional hours for no extra pay, or where terms and conditions are attacked.

We spoken to people who are scared to challenge this in their workplace, or even to join a union!

Because many of us work in small organisations it is difficult to respond to this, and we don’t always know what’s happening to others around us.

We want to bring together union members and non-union members to:

* Share experiences and knowledge of the way the cuts are affecting community and voluntary sector workers
* Make sure union members know about their entitlement to representation and how they can become more involved in their union if they want to be
* Think of ways that we can come together to challenge attacks on pay and conditions
* Have an independent voice which can speak out about the impact of cuts and privatisation on the organisations we work for
* Connect with other anti-austerity activists

**We welcome anyone who works for local community and voluntary sector organisations to come along and have an input**

**Our next meeting will be on   
Monday 22nd June   
5.30pm upstairs at the Earth and Stars**