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## SLT Deal Agreed Without Attacks on Terms and Conditions

The Joint Union campaign against the ending of the contract with Sandwell Leisure Trust (SLT) has been a success.

Last January staff working for Sandwell Leisure Trust faced the prospect of being transferred to another employer (with all the uncertainty that brings) – or the prospect of cuts in pay, terms and conditions if the contract remained with Sandwell Leisure Trust.

The trade unions in Sandwell worked together to launch a petition which attracted over 5,000 names in just five weeks. We lobbied the Cabinet for a change of direction.

It was pleasing to see that Sandwell's new Leader give a commitment at a full council meeting that he thought a deal could be reached without any attacks on pay, terms and conditions.

Whilst this is a victory from the position staff faced twelve months ago there are still a small number of redundancies involved with the deal and UNISON will work with the employer to try and avoid any compulsory redundancies.





Jade Billingham, the first Apprentice to receive the £25 one4all gift card plus a bag of UNISON 'goodies' after joining UNISON

## Fantastic Offer for Apprentices

If you are an Apprentice you can join Sandwell UNISON for just £10 for the whole year. Furthermore if you join and return a slip to Sandwell UNISON at West Bromwich Town Hall we will send you a £25 one4all gift card.

By becoming a member of UNISON you will gain access to :-

- Expert workplace advice
- The union's legal services
- Offers available to UNISON members
- Expert representation should you need it

## An offer too good to refuse!

Join us today by calling 0121 569 5996 for an Apprentice joining pack or complete the form available online at <u>www.sandwellunison.co.uk</u>

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