



# Stand with Ukraine and its workers' movement

*From Ukraine Solidarity Campaign and UNISON Ukraine  
Solidarity network*

**At the start of June Russia launched a huge new wave of hundreds of missile and drone attacks against Ukrainian cities, targeting civilians. This is the imperialist reality behind Putin's demagoguery, backed up by Trump, about "peace" and "negotiations". (See the Ukrainian union federations' statement on the June bombing at [bit.ly/UAunions](https://bit.ly/UAunions))**

Since 2022 the Ukrainian workers' movement has appealed for international support for Ukraine's struggle to survive and repel the invaders; and for their struggle against the Ukrainian government's neoliberal policies. And the UK workers' movement has rightly responded.

## **UK unions back Ukraine**

Discussing Ukraine for the first time since the full-scale invasion of 2022, last year's NDC voted by a big majority to back Ukraine's resistance to the invasion and build links with Ukrainian unions.

More and more UK unions have taken similar stances. In April NEU conference voted for a strong Ukraine solidarity position, rejecting amendments from supporters of the Stop the War Coalition that would have gutted it. Attempts to

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overturn or weaken pro-Ukraine positions, eg in PCS and UCU, have been unsuccessful.

UK unions have listened to the voice of our Ukrainian siblings and recognised that, like other struggles against invasion and occupation, Ukraine's is just and demands support.

## **Help build active solidarity**

Ukraine is unlikely to be on this year's NDC agenda, with no motions submitted to change or even update the policy we passed last year (though we will have to see about emergency motions).

UNISON members can help action UNISON's policy in various ways:

- Get your branch to invite a Ukraine Solidarity Campaign (USC) and/or Ukrainian trade union speaker to your meeting or event.
- Make direct links with Ukrainian unions, possibly by twinning with a branch in Ukraine as some UNISON branches have already done.
- Push for UNISON nationally to build stronger direct links with sister unions, and more actively support USC initiatives and aid appeals.
- Donate to support. The current appeal to aid rescue workers in Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, is at [bit.ly/supportukrainerescue](https://bit.ly/supportukrainerescue) or use QR code below. Ask your branch to donate.
- Pass a motion, affiliate your branch to USC.
- Get involved in the Ukraine Solidarity network in UNISON.

***Support rescue workers  
+ firefighters in Ukraine:***



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