



Unite Retired Members Newsletter: November 2024

The Fight Continues for the Winter Fuel Allowance



'Unite is spearheading the demand to reinstate the winter fuel payment. We are holding Labour to account over winter fuel. People need to see their lives improve. Taking money off pensioners on as little as £220 a week, while the 50 richest families in Britain own a combined £500 billion, doesn't do that. We aren't backing down.' – **Monica Taylor, Chair of the Unite Retired Members Committee**

Labour's Budget: Missed opportunity to address Winter Fuel Cut damage

'This Budget was a missed opportunity for the government to make up for the damage it has done through cuts to the winter fuel allowance. Pensioners will suffer this winter as a result, and the government is promising no extra funding to alleviate this. Moreover, the Chancellor confirmed that personal tax thresholds will remain frozen until 2028, meaning more pensioners on low incomes will be dragged into paying tax.'



Winter Fuel Campaign Highlights

Unite has 100,000 retired members. We are the leading voice for pensioners in the UK and have shown that we campaign and fight. Together, we are building a movement fight for a dignified retirement for all of us.

We have established Unite as the voice of pensioners in opposition to the winter fuel cuts, pushing our narrative of a wealth tax to the front of the national debate.

- Unite launches judicial review process against the Government over Winter Fuel Payment cut.
- Demonstration outside Labour Party Conference – over 100 pensioners attend in the driving rain.
- Unite motion passes at Labour Party Conference, defeating the Labour leadership. Motion called for winter fuel to be reinstated, a wealth tax to be introduced, and fiscal rules to be abandoned.
- Over 11,000 have signed up to get involved in the campaign.



Unite Retired Members escalate campaign across Britain and Ireland

500 attend mass lobby of Parliament at Westminster.



100 attend Rally at Stormont, Northern Ireland

Demonstration at Scottish Parliament



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