**UNISON Cymru Wales – School Support Staff Seminar
Thursday 28th September 2017, Marriot Hotel, Cardiff City Centre**

**Agenda**

9.30 – 10.00am Registration (tea and coffee available)

10.00 – 10.10am Welcome from the Chair, Michelle Reeve (Teaching Assistant, Cardiff) and Dominic Macaskill UNISON’s Head of Local Government in Wales

10.10 – 10.40am Jon Richards, Head of Education and Children’s Services, UNISON

10.40 – 11.00am Open University – a brief showcase of the work UNISON and the OU do in partnership to bring free professional learning to school support staff in Wales

11.00 – 11.15am **BREAK**

11.15 – 12.30pm Emerging education policy in Wales – what’s the impact on support staff?

 In this session you’ll hear from policy experts in two key areas:

- Additional Learning Needs Transition

- Curriculum for Wales

During the policy session you’ll have the chance to raise questions and offer feedback through table discussions

12.30pm – 1.15pm **LUNCH**

Lunch is provided and there will be time to look around the market place (see below)

1.15pm – 1.45pm Hayden Llewellyn – Education Workforce Council (EWC) Chief Executive - professional registration and support staff

2.00 – 2.45pm Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM

2.45 – 3.00pm **BREAK**

3.00 – 3.35pm Ben Thomas, UNISON National Officer will give an update on the national Term Time Working Group which affects Wales , as well as some useful information on term time calculations

3.35 – 4.00pm Jess Turner, Schools Lead Organiser for Wales. Closing remarks and next steps

*(timings may be subject to change)*

Visit the Marketplace

During breaks there will be time to browse the Marketplace. We’ve invited partners and organisations who have something to offer school support staff in Wales. You’ll also get the chance to meet your union reps and find out more about how to stay connected to the work UNISON does in schools.

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| **Education Support Partnership (ESP)** The UK's only charity providing mental health and wellbeing support services to all education staff and organisations | **Open University in Wales** Professional learning opportunities for support staff and the next steps to higher education | **Meet your Schools Reps** Come and meet your union reps, find out about the different ways they represent support staff and how you can be involved  | **EWC Professional Learning Passport** A free CPD resource for all EWC registrants. Come and see the demo and set up your own passport  | **Thompsons Solicitors** Are you making the most of the Free Legal services you get as a UNISON member? |
| **Stars in our Schools 2017** Find out more about UNISON’s annual celebration event for school support staff taking place on Friday 24th November  | **UNISON in Schools guidance and materials** Do you know about all of the guidance and materials schools staff can get from UNISON? | **UNISON Living**  Find out about discounts and services available to UNISON members  | **Pay Up Now**Want an end to the 1% pay cap? UNISON is campaigning to end the pay cap on public sector workers which affects our schools members  | **UNISON Wales Union Learning Fund Projects** Even more free learning for support staff in Wales  |