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The quarterly newsletter of One Fund For All

Exposing the Plight of the 'Never Never' Workers

Throughout the campaign to improve working conditions at Sports Direct, people have been saying to us that the problems concerning agency work and zero hours contracts go way beyond the Shirebrook Warehouse. Exploitative working conditions are occurring across many sectors from Care Work to Education Services, Retail to Manufacturing. Unite Community in North Derbyshire is now working with Sheffield Hallam and Salford Universities to research the reach and extent of Agency/Zero Hours and to see if the similar stories of unreported exploitation and fear uncovered at Sports Direct are to be found in other workplaces and industries.

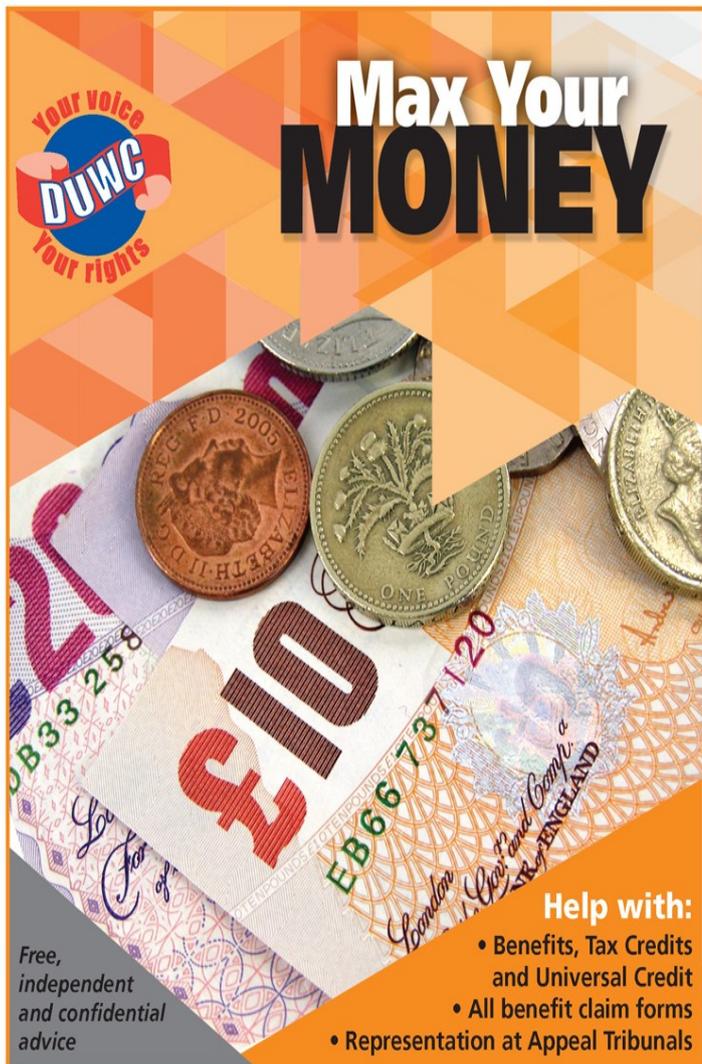
In the United States, temporary agency workers are called 'Never Never' workers - they never take a holiday, never ask for a raise, never get ill (on the employer's time!), never cost the employer for slack time (because if the workload drops, the worker is dropped). Our research will take place during the next few months. If you have an experience of Agency Working/Zero Hours, good or bad, please get in touch with us to help with our study.



Unite Community's message sent loud and clear!

Campaigns

MAX YOUR MONEY COMES TO ILKESTON



Max Your MONEY

Seek advice in Ilkeston, Cotmanhay and Kirk Hallam

Thousands of people across Derbyshire are not claiming what they are entitled to. Whether employed or unemployed, sick or a carer, old or young, single or with a family, get in touch to see if you can Max your Money. These are tough times, and there's nothing to lose by seeking advice, but there is much to gain.

Please find time to check whether you might be one of those missing out by ringing or emailing to make an appointment at a location most convenient to you.

Tel: 01246 231441
or email: info@duwc.org.uk
See our website at www.duwc.org.uk

Help with:

- Benefits, Tax Credits and Universal Credit
- All benefit claim forms
- Representation at Appeal Tribunals

Free, independent and confidential advice

Community Priorities Programme

DERBYSHIRE
County Council
Improving life for local people

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Residents of Ilkeston could benefit by as much as a million pounds, thanks to the 'MAX YOUR MONEY' campaign being waged in partnership by the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres (DUWCs), the Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice Bureau and Direct Help and Advice. A grant from the Community Priorities Scheme, thanks to Derbyshire County Councillors Glennice Birkin, John Frudd and Michelle Booth, has enabled the DUWCs to put together a series of campaigns in Ilkeston. The DUWC's role is to ensure that all members of the community are receiving the welfare benefits and tax credits they are entitled to. Experienced staff will assist anyone who might be put off by problems with the complicated benefits and tax credits system.

Over 30 years experience in this field have made the organisation acutely aware that there are thousands of people who are losing out because they have not claimed what is rightfully theirs. In Derbyshire, estimates indicate that over £100 million goes unclaimed every year.

The Department for Work and Pensions reports that more than one in three pensioners fails to take up pension credit and over one in three fail to claim Jobseekers Allowance. The campaign kicks off with six weeks of activity based around the town during February and March. As well as helping maximise people's incomes, the campaign will highlight help available with problems regarding work; housing and homelessness; advice on debt and money issues as well as impartial Pensions advice. All services are free and confidential. Derbyshire County Councillors, Glennice Birkin, John Frudd and Michelle Booth are all backing the work of the Advice organisations on this project. "These are difficult times and many people in Ilkeston are struggling to make ends meet and that includes many in work." said the Councillors in a letter of support, 'The best way to help our constituents is to put money in their pockets that both assists families and boosts the local economy.'

Colin Hampton, who originates from Ilkeston, and has been the Co-ordinator of the DUWCs for over 30 years said 'Many people who are in work are not getting the tax credits they are entitled to. So whether employed or unemployed, sick or a carer, old or young, single or with a family, get in touch to see if you can max your money. These are tough times, and there's nothing to lose by asking, but there is much to gain.

Advisory sessions will be held at various venues across the town. Ring 01246 231441 for an appointment.



Specialist Employment Advice from Derbyshire Law Centre

Services provided locally at:

- Ilkeston (Albion Leisure Centre) on Thursdays
- Ripley (Amber Valley CVS) on Mondays

With free initial legal advice over the phone for all Derbyshire residents, we advise on any legal issue arising from employment with further appointments offered as required.



For more information please contact us at:

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Website:
www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk



Citizens Advice - Derbyshire Districts

The Citizens Advice offers free, confidential and impartial advice on a number of issues.

Amongst our Services:

Money Worries

Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts have Money Advice Specialists who can help. We offer free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on debt and money issues for people across Erewash. To book an appointment to see our advisers locally contact our advice line on Tel: 03004 568 390.

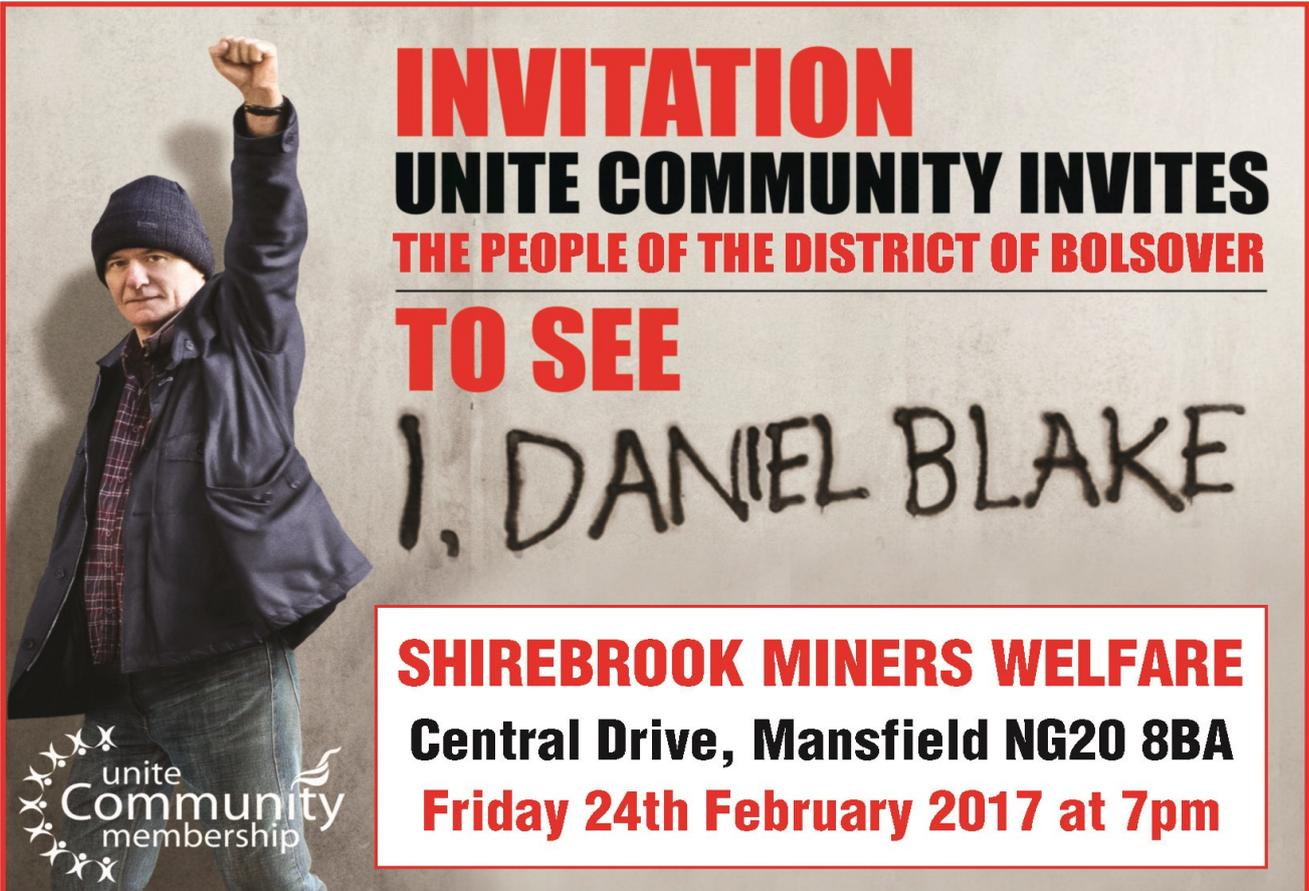
Get to know your options

Are you 50 and thinking about your pension and your future? Did you know there are different ways you can take your pension money? Pension Wise Derbyshire Districts provides free, impartial guidance over the phone face-to-face.

Our pension specialist are impartial - they don't recommend products or companies and won't tell you how to invest your money. To book a face to face appointment call Pension Wise Derbyshire Districts on Tel: 0800146 7709 (weekdays 8.30am - 4.30pm)

The Albion Leisure Centre East Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 5JB.
Tel: 0300 456 8390.
Website: www.ddcab.org.uk

Our Advice Line is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Campaign News

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THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT OF BOLSOVER
TO SEE
I, DANIEL BLAKE

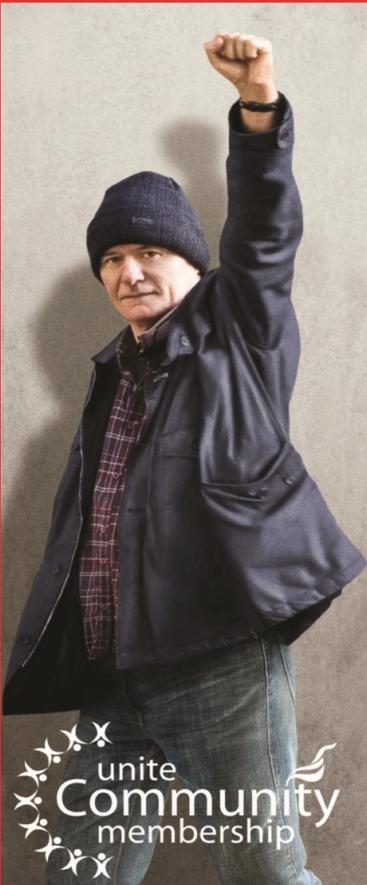
SHIREBROOK MINERS WELFARE
Central Drive, Mansfield NG20 8BA
Friday 24th February 2017 at 7pm

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With its heart wrenching and brutally honest portrayal of Britain's cruel and punitive benefits system. Ken Loach's award winning film raises such important issues about the treatment of benefit claimants in this country that we are putting on a FREE screening of the film to make the film accessible to the people of the District of Bolsover.

You are invited to go and see I, Daniel Blake. 'This film can enrage you in one moment and melt you the next.' It had such an impact on the judges at the Cannes Film Festival it was awarded the Palme d'Or. WE ARE ALL DANIEL BLAKE.

Ring 07870 387999 to book your free ticket to this screening

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UNITE COMMUNITY INVITES
THE PEOPLE OF NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE
TO SEE
I, DANIEL BLAKE

ECKINGTON CIVIC CENTRE
Market Street, Sheffield S21 4JG
Saturday 25th February 2017 at 7pm

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With its heart wrenching and brutally honest portrayal of Britain's cruel and punitive benefits system. Ken Loach's award winning film raises such important issues about the treatment of benefit claimants in this country that we are putting on a FREE screening of the film to make the film accessible to the people of North East Derbyshire.

You are invited to go and see I, Daniel Blake and there will be a Question and Answer session with Kate Rutter one of the actresses from the film following the screening.

Supported by Eckington Labour Party and Eckington Parish Council.

Ring 07730 089 716 to book your free ticket to this screening

News

Out in the Community Supporting People with Tinnitus

Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group will be holding a number of Outreach Events to support people with Tinnitus.

Tinnitus is a condition which is characterised by ringing or noises in the head or ears, which has no external source. The onset of Tinnitus can be very frightening and can lead to anxiety and depression. Many sufferers feel isolated and it can affect their daily, family and social lives. However, there is help and support from people who themselves experience tinnitus, who understand the sufferer's emotional reaction to it and can provide ways to help them manage the condition. Founder member, Audrey Carlin stated "Over the past few months it has become apparent that we need to take our holistic service to sufferers and to let them know that they are not alone. With our help they can manage the distress caused by the onset of tinnitus."

The group are organising two Information and Awareness events in North Derbyshire, in North Wingfield and Eckington, which will give sufferers the opportunity to meet members of the group who successfully manage their tinnitus, as well as finding out about accessing professional support from Audiology at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, who will be there to answer questions. Muriel Lascelles, now a champion for the group, knows herself about the distressing symptoms of tinnitus but credits managing the condition to the continued support of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group.

Muriel stated "I was starting to go down the dark road of depression and despair, until I attended an event in 2013, where I realised the condition was understood and I took away information and advice to start my journey to manage my tinnitus. With continued support from the group, I can now measure the progress I have made since those first frightening days when I became aware of my tinnitus."

The first Information Day will take place on **Thursday 23rd February 2017 at North Wingfield Community Centre, Whiteleas Avenue, North Wingfield, S42 5PW from 11.00am – 2.00pm.**

There will be a short introductory meeting between 11am and 12 noon with presentations from Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group and Chesterfield Royal Hospital. However members of the public are free to drop in anytime during the opening hours.

The second Information Day will take place on **Monday 3rd March 2017 at Eckington Library, Market Street, Eckington, S21 4JG**

Members of the public can drop in anytime from 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 2.30pm For more information about the Support Group or the events, please contact Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Tinnitus Support Group on 01246 380415 or email mail@tinnitussupport.org.uk

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ALFRETON Alfreton House High Street Tuesday 9.00am— 12.00pm Wed, Thur 9.00am-12.00pm 1.00pm-4.00pm	BOLSOVER Library Church St Tuesday 9.0 am—11.30am	BRIMINGTON Community Centre High Street Monday 9.0am—12.0pm	CLAY CROSS Adult Education Centre Market Street Monday 9.30am—12.30pm
CLOWNE Community Centre Recreation Close Wednesday 1.00pm—3.30pm	CRESWELL Limestone House Elmton Road Thursday 1.00pm—3.30pm	ECKINGTON Business Centre Market Street Wednesday 1.30pm—3.30pm	GRASSMOOR Community Centre New Street Thursday 10.00am -12.00pm
HASLAND Unit 2 Penmore Business Centre, Hasland Road Wednesday 1.30pm-3.30pm	HEANOR Salcare Ray Street Friday 8.30am-12.30pm	NORTH WINGFIELD Community Resource Centre Thursday 1.00pm-3.30pm	PINXTON Village Hall Kirkstead Road Tuesday 1.00pm—3.30pm
SOMERCOTES Parish Hall Nottingham Road Monday 1.30pm-4.00pm	STAVELEY Library Weds and Thurs 9.30am—12.30pm	CHESTERFIELD 1 Rose Hill East Mon—Fri 9.30am—1.00pm 01246 231441	SHIREBROOK 44 Patchwork Row Mon—Thurs 9.00am—11.30am 01623 748161

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For more regular updates you can follow us on Twitter [@derbyshireuwc](https://twitter.com/derbyshireuwc) and we also have a Facebook page.

Don't Forget...

To remember Derbyshire One Fund For All in your will, or to ask for donations in lieu of flowers at your funeral.

Let our future be your legacy.

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