

youth officer MAZ JEFFERY



I'm 23 and work as a youth worker in Amber Valley where I also live. I became a shop steward earlier in the year and was also elected the branch youth officer in April.

Outside work my interests include playing rugby, running and riding my beloved motorbike!

Young workers often tend to face the worst of all worlds at work. We're last in the pecking order for annual leave, we tend to get the lowest pay and sometimes managers think we're easy to push around.

In some work places, we're on a minimum wage which is even lower than the poor rate for most adults. Yet our costs remain the same - I haven't yet seen a loaf of bread being sold with a special young person's discount!

My first task is to convince young workers of the need to join a trade union and recruit you into UNISON.

These days trade unions are like job insurance; if you own a car, a house or even a motorbike you will have appropriate insurance so take out your job insurance with UNISON.

The idea of a trade union is strength and safety in numbers, fighting for better pay and conditions – it's not all about going on strike!

Once you've joined UNISON (email or ring me for an application form) I'm also here to raise concerns you have in your workplace, listen to any issues and be a friendly voice on the end of the phone!

SO! - If you're under 26 give me a call, drop me an email or send a pigeon!