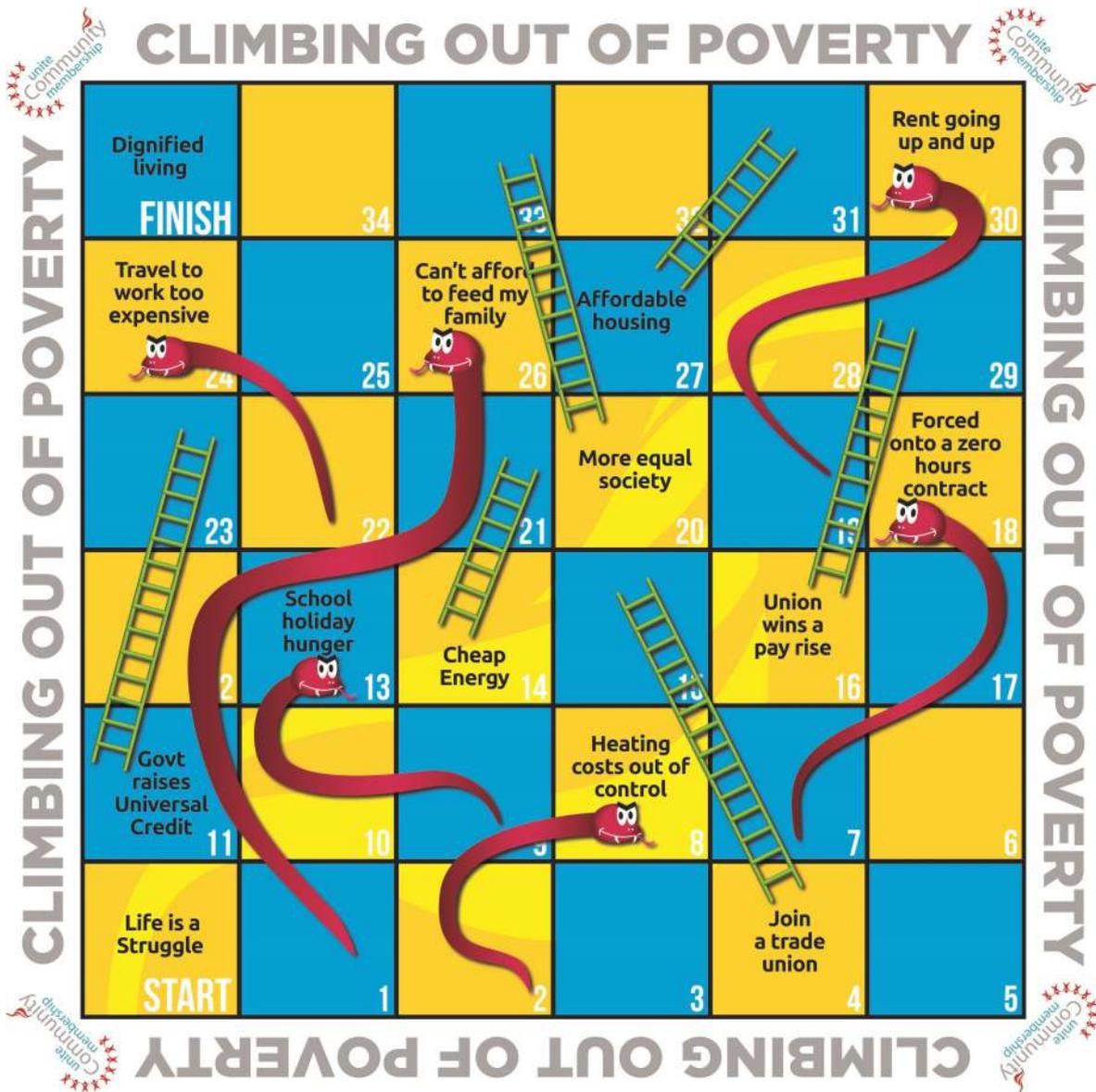


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Read more about the DUWC and Unite Community’s Summer campaign inside



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'Snakes and Ladders' Campaign

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres are partnering with Unite Community over the Summer to highlight how the cost of living crisis is hitting low-income households across the region through our giant Snakes & Ladders board.

Unite is taking ten giant boards on the road this Summer and will be visiting Chesterfield soon, and we would like to invite you to join us when they do.



The Snakes & Ladders board demonstrates how the odds are stacked against people stuck in poverty and low wages, taking players on the relentless ups and downs confronting people as they struggle to climb out of poverty and are hit by government cuts and soaring energy and food costs.



Through this campaign, the DUWC and Unite Community are demanding that our elected representatives do more to tackle the cost of living crisis, by fighting for:

- **better wages,**
- **decent pensions**
- **the reinstatement and extension of the £20 uplift to Universal Credit.**

The board was unveiled in Parliament Square on July 6th (see photo above), where a number of Labour MPs came out to play the game in solidarity with the campaign. The board also visited Leeds on July 8th (top photo).

Unite Community coordinator Heather Blakey:

***“Poverty is no game. It’s a real-life misery for growing numbers and it is being made worse by big business passing on price rises so that they can boost their profits. A price rise of a few pence for someone on Universal Credit or earning the minimum wage can put that product out of reach. Incomes are that stretched, and it is getting worse. People on benefits urgently need the £20 taken off their incomes by Rishi Sunak restored.*”**



Unite Community is going on the road this summer to tell the truth about exactly what is going wrong with the economy. Pensioners, people with disabilities unable to work, unpaid carers and many more are on the breadline already and we fear things will only get worse.”

Please check our website and our social media pages regularly for an update on when the Snakes & Ladders board will be coming to Chesterfield, and join us to show your solidarity and support!

New Assistant Coordinator at DUWC

The DUWC’s Assistant Coordinator, Matt Hunt, began in the post on July 1st. Matt will support Colin Hampton’s work as Coordinator in managing the organisation, with specific areas of responsibility around administrative processes, social media and digital strategy, and managing our volunteers.

***“I am delighted to be joining the DUWC and I’m excited to help contribute to the vital work that it has been doing in Derbyshire for decades. At a time when so many in the region and the country are suffering as a result of the cost of living crisis, the DUWC is needed more than ever.*”**



I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months, and you can reach me via matthew.hunt@duwc.org.uk.”

Help is Here— Supporting Ukrainian Refugees

The Help is Here project is dedicated to helping migrant communities in North Derbyshire and North Notts, supporting those for whom English is not first language and who do not know local regulations, or who have found themselves in crisis.

In recent months, we have been providing help and support to Ukrainian refugees under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Our advisors can provide help with the following areas:

- New benefits claims
- National Insurance Number applications
- School admissions
- Emergency cash payments (via the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund)
- Registration with GP practice
- Direct support for the victims of exploitation or abuse.
- Collaboration and signposting to other services providing support for refugees



We have supported approximately ten Ukrainian refugees in the region so far, and have received positive feedback on our services. A colleague in Bolsover County Council shared the following feedback with us from the host of a Ukrainian refugee DUWC's Marcin Proc (pictured) supported:

"Thank-you for all of your help and for putting us in touch with the marvelous Marcin. The UC claim was recalculated and the money owed paid, just got to add her daughter's allowance but being sorted now. NI number miraculously appeared at the Job Centre with 40 minutes of Marcin contacting them, so the payment should be approved and paid and the missing BRP permit has finally been approved this morning after 4 weeks (the rest of the family had theirs within the first week) Thank you so much, you've made two families very happy!"

The Help is Here project is supported by the Lottery Community Fund. If you would like to help or wish to volunteer, please contact Joanna Zon via Joanna.zon@duwc.org.uk, or call into our Shirebrook Office at 54 Patchwork Row, Shirebrook, NG20 8AL.

Derbyshire Everest Challenge

In aid of

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres

Saturday July 23rd 2022

On July 23rd, Elisa McDonagh, the Mayor of Wirksworth will swap her chain of office for a bicycle chain as she dons her cycle helmet and jacket. She will climb from the Lamb Inn on Loads Rd and ascend Longside Road 46 times to complete her challenge.

"DUWC does such a fantastic job, not just in terms of the practical help it offers, but in giving a voice to some of the most powerless and isolated people in our communities."

Support Elisa and the DUWC here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/u4h2u-everest>



Come down to the Lamb Inn, Holymoore side (open after 12pm) or anywhere along the route anytime on Saturday 23rd July to show your support for Elisa and the DUWC!

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Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team: Save Barrow Industrial Injuries Centre!

DAST, as an active member of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum, along with other support group members, are fighting to keep the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit office at Barrow-in-Furness open.

The DWP office in Barrow currently deals with Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) claims for asbestos related diseases. They are also the only office throughout the country to process the Lump Sum payments, Pneumoconiosis (Workers' Compensation Scheme) and 2008 Scheme for asbestos related disease victims.



The number of people newly diagnosed with mesothelioma (an asbestos related cancer) in the UK, is increasing. Over 2,500 new diagnoses have been made in each of the last three years. Most mesothelioma patients are entitled to claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and other linked benefits such as Constant Attendance Allowance and lump sum payments. For many years these benefits and compensation schemes have been administered by specialist staff at Phoenix House in Barrow. A huge wealth of expertise has been developed over this time.

DAST's experience of dealing with staff at Phoenix House has been overwhelmingly positive. They have a deep understanding of, the complex benefits they administer, and the difficulties faced by mesothelioma sufferers and their families, who should not have to endure delays at such a desperate time. The specialist service Phoenix House provides terminally ill and dying claimants with unique support and risks being undermined and diluted by such a closure. Joanne Gordon (pictured) DAST Coordinator and Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum Chair stated:



“When lockdown happened in 2020, we quickly contacted the IIDB centre and negotiated an ‘easement’ for terminally ill patients. The easement means advisors at Support Groups can sign benefit forms for those diagnosed with mesothelioma and lung cancer and then the DWP will contact the claimant by phone to verify that they knew about the application. This was essential to allow support groups to continue to support terminally ill and vulnerable people with mesothelioma, to keep them safe and have their benefits processed without delays. I believe only an experienced team with understanding of patient needs would have introduced this essential measure so quickly.”

Already changes, such as the introduction of a generic helpline and moving over some cases to another office is causing delays, confusion and problems due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of those on the helpline.

The Asbestos Victims Support Groups' Forum have written an open letter to the Secretary of State. The signatories consisted of medical charities, supportive organisations and campaign groups working directly with sufferers of mesothelioma, as well as people living with mesothelioma themselves. The letter urged the Government to reconsider their decision which the Forum believe will have a detrimental effect on those who are terminally ill. The local MP for Barrow has taken up the fight to prevent closure but we need more MPs across the UK to support him. Closure will have a huge impact on people suffering from asbestos related diseases throughout the UK.

Trade Union Safety Team: John Knight Memorial Award and lecture

In 2021 John Knight, former Coordinator of the Trade Union Safety Team, sadly passed away with Covid. John, a people's champion, had established the Trade Union Safety Team to support workers and former workers who had been made ill by their work. In 2002, John and his Team also launched the Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, TRUST was able to launch The John Knight Memorial Lecture and Award, honouring John's memory and celebrating the work of others fighting for causes John was passionate about; health and safety and social justice.



We were proud to announce the first winners of the Award which included (pictured from left to right) DAST Volunteer and Chair, Dave Trigg and Wayne Kidger, GMB member from Nottingham City Homes. Wayne knows of former colleagues who have died of mesothelioma and has since established the East Midlands Health and Safety Forum. Our third winner was The Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain, represented by President Alex Marshall (pictured, furthest right) who have been supporting precarious workers such as couriers who were on the frontline during the pandemic.

Where to get advice

<p>ALFRETON Alfreton House High Street</p> <p>Tues, Weds 9.00am—12.00pm 1.00pm—4.00pm Thurs 1.00pm—4.00pm</p> <p>01773 832237</p>	<p>BELPER Belper Library Derwent St</p> <p>Not open at Present</p> <p>01773 832237</p>	<p>BOLSOVER Library Church St</p> <p>Tuesdays 1.00pm—3.30pm</p> <p>01623 748161</p>	<p>BRIMINGTON Community Centre High Street</p> <p>Mondays 9.00am-12.00pm</p> <p>01246 231441</p>
<p>CLAY CROSS Adult Education Centre Market Street</p> <p>Not open at present</p> <p>01246 231441</p>	<p>CLOWNE Community Centre Recreation Close</p> <p>Wednesdays 1.0pm—3.30pm</p> <p>01623748161</p>	<p>CRESWELL Limestone House Elmton Road</p> <p>Thursdays 1.0pm -3.30pm</p> <p>01623748161</p>	<p>Clay cross Eckington Grassmoor North Wingfield</p> <p>Closed at present due to NEDDC Cuts</p>
<p>GRASSMOOR Community Centre New Street</p> <p>Not open at Present</p> <p>01246 231441</p>	<p>HASLAND Hasland Working Mens Club</p> <p>Wednesdays 1.00pm—3.30pm</p> <p>01246 231441</p>	<p>HEANOR Buxton Room Heanor Town Hall</p> <p>Thursdays 9.00am—11.30am</p> <p>01773 832237</p>	<p>NEW HOUGHTON Community Hub Rotherham Rd</p> <p>Thursday 10.00am—2.00pm</p> <p>01623 748161</p>
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