

# Protect Jobs our Community our Airport



It has been a particularly busy time since the lockdown was announced with Unite being focused on protecting safety, jobs and income of members. Much has been done by your union throughout this period and we wanted to share a brief update with all members that work at, or fly out of Gatwick Airport and people who live in the local community.

## Update

Here are just a few of the things Unite has put in place:

- Unite has been at the heart of the negotiations with the government which led to the Governments Job Retention Scheme;
- Your reps and officers have been working hard to negotiate 'furlough agreements';
- Unite lobbied the government to change guidelines to bring ASC staff under the scheme as previously they were not eligible;
- Unite, Swissport, WFS and dnata have sent a joint letter to the Chancellor to ask for a further extension to the furlough scheme to protect the ground handling sector;
- Unite has proposed a Radical aviation blueprint for a post COVID 19 world – [click here](#) to read more about Unite's proposal;
- The BA political and media campaign [click here](#) is being ramped up and Unite has been successful in getting Willie Walsh (IAG CEO) summoned to a Transport Select Committee to explain what BA is doing. Please feel free to share this video from BA reps - [click here](#).
- A comprehensive risk assessment and template health and safety agreement has been shared with reps to ensure when members can return to work safely - [click here](#)

**However, the work is far from over. In fact, the real hard work is just about to begin!**

The aviation sector is likely to look very different for some time and there will be many challenges ahead of us. The Centre for Cities report [click here](#) predicts Crawley will be worst hit due to the number of residents who are employed in the aviation sector. Half the jobs in Crawley are classed as vulnerable or very vulnerable.

The current threats to our jobs, our industry and our community are on a level none of us have seen before. That's why now, more than ever, we have to stand together and fight to protect what we hold dear.

This is why Unite is launching the *'Protect Jobs, our Community, our Airport'* campaign.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- Lobby your MP to [protect jobs, our community our airport today!](#)
- Please share this newsletter with your work colleagues through your social media networks.
- Check out our Facebook page [@UniteAtGatwick](#) and [campaign page](#).
- Not a member of Unite? Join us today at [www.uniteunion.org](http://www.uniteunion.org)

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