



Vodafone Retail Update

Dear Colleague,

This newsletter is to inform you of recent developments which have taken place in Vodafone Retail.

Retail Forum in Place

We are delighted to announce that our first Retail Store Forum Representatives are now in place. Currently we have five members who are based in Dublin; we hope to have three representatives in place in Cork before the end of March and continue this process in Galway. The purpose of the Forums is to ensure that each member has a point of contact in a Vodafone retail store. A list of stores that are already assigned local Representative is included in this newsletter below. If a Representative is not assigned to your store, you should contact me if there are issues you would like to discuss. Also, if you would like to take a more active role or act as a point of contact for your area please let me know.

Pay Rise

A pay increase of 2% is due to be paid in April. This is the second phase of a 4% pay agreement that was secured by the CWU and we will be requesting payment of this in due course. This hard fought pay increase was achieved because of the strong membership of the Union in Vodafone.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Vodafone Branch takes place in Bewley's Hotel, Leopardstown on Saturday 25th February at 2:00pm. I understand that there are difficulties for retail members to attend this meeting because of work requirements and the logistics of travelling to the meeting. However, you are more than welcome to attend if you can make it. We have also scheduled a meeting to take place in the Clayton Hotel, Galway on Wednesday 22nd February at 7:00pm. A further meeting will take place in Dundalk later this month (dates still to be confirmed). We are committed to improving our communication processes and we will do our utmost to ensure that members are aware of all information.

Dobrawa Bujakowska	Lindsey Beggs	Stephen Kiernan	Michael Fleming	Emily Olohan
Blanchardstown	Tallaght	Liffey Valley	3 Grafton St	Swords
Newbridge	Nutgrove	Dundrum	48 Grafton St	Drogheda
Carlow	Blackrock	Wexford	32 Henry St	Dundalk
Navan	Stillorgan	Waterford	51 Henry St	Donaghmede
	Dun Laoghaire			Omni

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Members based in other stores should contact Mick Farrell if they have work-related issues that they would like to discuss.

Bank Holiday Payments

At a recent meeting we were made aware that there may have been some issues with the payments for Public Holiday attendance over the Christmas period. If members have experienced any such problems, please let the Branch Secretary know the details and it will be investigated.

Incremental Pay-Scales

Finally, some members did raise the matter of not receiving increments (pay rises) attached to time spent in a Grade. The Branch Secretary has taken this up with Vodafone and a review of who is due an increment is currently taking place. The Branch Secretary will update members on the outcome of the review when complete. In the meantime if other members are experiencing similar problems, again please make the Branch Secretary and advise him of the details.

Yours fraternally,

Mick Farrell
Branch Secretary