

## FURTHER ACTION

The campaign to **Stand Up For Education** continues. Following the undermining of negotiations by Mr Gove earlier in the year culminating in all the Teacher Unions walking out, further action was called by NUT.

Because of negotiations taking place a planned national strike earlier in the year was postponed but the actions of Mr Gove have resulted in NUT calling a further **national strike for 26th March**. Some talks went on but Mr Gove showed no willingness to move on key issues, the strike on 26th March went ahead with members giving it their full support by attending rallies called on that day.

NUT is seeking to engage the support of parents and **leafleting** is taking place and will continue. Once again members are urged to **write to or email their MP**. Such **lobbying** is important and most MPs do genuinely want to know the views of their constituents on key issues. The issues will not go away, education and teaching needs defending and there is a General Election next year.

Be involved, support the strike and **stay close to your Union**.

## EXECUTIVE ELECTION

Elections for the NUT National Executive are taking place and members are reminded of the importance of playing their part in the **democracy of the Union**.

Ballot papers are issued and will be delivered to each member's home address. Please be sure to return your ballot paper as detailed by the deadline date.

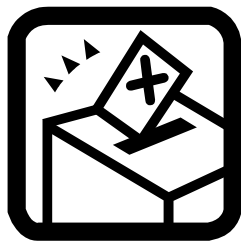
Manchester Teachers Associations candidates in this important election are our own Treasurer **Jay Barry** and **Nick Wigmore** from Rochdale as elected in the recent nomination ballot.

Please vote for

**Jay Barry and Nick Wigmore.**

## STRB

In a move **good for teachers and schools** but a blow to Michael Gove, the **School Teachers Review Body** has rejected his demands and supported the NUT



position.

Mr Gove wanted removal of working time protections, removal of 'rarely cover', to allow schools to determine how PPA time is allocated, to require teachers to undertake midday supervision and to require teachers to undertake administrative tasks. The STRB **rejected** all these elements of Mr Gove's wish list.

Mr Gove also wanted further deregulation of teacher pay including removal of the separate TLR and SEN allowances and pay safeguarding. STRB also rejected these accepting instead NUT's arguments that separate payments for additional responsibilities are good and that safeguarding helps re-organisation as well as protecting teachers.

These moves on conditions and pay are **heartening** but there is still a long way to go and **members action** is still needed.

## MOTION ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Following ongoing monitoring of our resources and annual scrutiny of our accounts by Treasurer Jay Barry, Officers and Committee recognised the need for an increase in subscriptions to the Association.

As unfinished business from the 139th Annual General meeting this year the following motion was passed at the February General Meeting:-

*'The MTA understands that, continuing our work in supporting members and being involved in campaigns does call for a commitment to use our funds.*

*The Association therefore resolves that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 the local subscription to the Manchester Teachers' Association will be increased from £21.50 to £26.50 per annum.'*

Proposed: S Marciniak (Members Cases Secretary)  
Seconder: J Morgan (General Secretary)

## CONFERENCE 2014

This year's National Conference of NUT will take place in Brighton and the following members will attend as Manchester Teachers' Association

Representatives to Conference:-

Liam Duffy and John Morgan will attend ex-officio as President and General Secretary. Elected

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Mr Liam Duffy

**General Secretary:** Mr John Morgan

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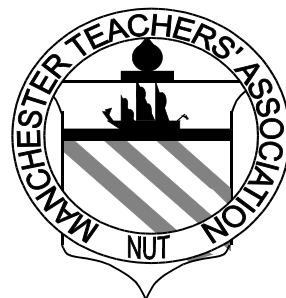
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unopposed are Melanie Crossman, Peggy Etchells, Glen Feeny, Greg Fox, Stephen Marciniak and Maria Noone. Also present will be Usman Baig-Ali in his capacity as a member of National Young Teacher Advisory Committee and Jay Barry, our National Executive member. The best wishes of the Association go to all of them for a good Conference.

## RETIRED TEACHERS SECTION

The next meeting of the MTA Retired Teachers Section will be on **Tuesday 1st April** when **Reverend George Lane** will give a presentation on **'The Work of Chaplains based at Manchester Airport'**. The usual time of 10.15am at Hough End Centre applies.

On **6th May** the **Annual General Meeting** will take place where essential business will be conducted. New retired members will be welcome.

## YEAR OF THE CURRICULUM

NUT has designated 2014 as **'The Year of the Curriculum'**. The Union is working with the

**Foundation, a**

not-for-profit social enterprise to design a range of exciting and practical modules and professional development activities. These are designed to help members with implementation of the new National Curriculum in September.



A number of course events are underway nationally with materials available at

[www.teachers.org.uk/campaigns/curriculum](http://www.teachers.org.uk/campaigns/curriculum).

As well as a Trade Union, NUT is also a **Professional Association** and initiatives like this underline the NUT's care for education and the **professionalism** of its members.

## GAS MASKS AND ASBESTOS

NUT has recently been made aware of an **asbestos exposure** incident in a school in the South East of England, involving a Second World War military service gas mask.

This particular incident involved children and teachers handling and wearing the mask which had a **crocidolite filter gauge**. Crocidolite is a particularly **dangerous** type of asbestos. It is understandable that such masks are seen as useful artefacts in teaching programmes but clearly, now this danger is known, **they must not be used** and should not be brought into schools. Further information is available at [www.juac.org.uk](http://www.juac.org.uk) and [www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)

## GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting of the MTA will be held on **Wednesday 21st May**. Details of the venue and time will be sent into schools beforehand along with the Agenda. Look for it on your school Noticeboard and please try to attend.

General Meetings are a good opportunity to hear the latest information on current and ongoing issues.

## STOKE ROCHFORD AT EASTER

If you are looking for an Easter break Stoke Rochford Hall has a special offer **Saturday 19th April to Monday 21st April**.

NUT members have **special rates** over the Easter weekend including a three course Easter Sunday lunch, plus an Easter egg for all guests, full English breakfast and full use of leisure facilities included. Prices **start from £97.00** per person and dogs are welcome in most areas of the Hall for a further £15.00 per stay.

Full details are available at [www.stokerochfordhall.co.uk/service/nutmembers/holiday-breaks](http://www.stokerochfordhall.co.uk/service/nutmembers/holiday-breaks)



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