

STANDING UP FOR EDUCATION

NUT has published its manifesto ‘**Stand Up for Education**’ which is a strategic response to the attacks on education suffered under Mr Gove’s assault on the profession and privatisation of the education service. It is an important document for the months leading up to the General Election next year.

It includes consideration of involving parents and local communities and communicating with politicians, local MP’s and national ministers, lobbying and organising workplace debate and consideration.

Details are at www.teachers.org.uk/manifesto and hard copies are available from the MTA office.

Further industrial action may be needed and NUT is currently conducting a **consultative ballot**. National Executive will use the results to inform decision making. It is **very important** that members express their views—if you agree please say so, if you do not agree please say so—but above all it is **vital** that you **respond** to such consultation of the membership. **Don’t give your enemies opportunities for cheap taunts about your Union not representing its members.**

Ballot forms are out now, please make sure you return them to the Electoral Reform Society.

NEW PRESIDENT

President of Manchester Teachers’ Association NUT for the Academic Year 2014 –15 is **Greg Fox** of Parrs Wood High School. The best wishes of the Association go to Greg for his year of office.

At the same time the Association’s thanks go to **Liam Duffy** on the completion of a successful year of service to members and he now becomes Past-President.

WELCOME BACK

On reading this you will have completed most of the first half term of the new academic year. **Michael Gove** has gone as Secretary of State for Education but the damage he did remains and we are looking to his replacement **Nicky Morgan** to redeem what had become a **toxic** brand. Michael Gove antagonised so many people, not just teachers, but parents and others also, that he was becoming a **liability** to his government colleagues. The early contacts with Nicky Morgan seem positive in **style** but she has declared her

intention to maintain Mr Gove’s changes and there will have to be **substance** based on listening and a willingness to act upon teachers requirements for policy change if she is to earn the support she needs from the profession.

Meanwhile teachers are having to work in schools in the context of changes introduced by Mr Gove and our education service is suffering as a result. **Stay close to your Union!**

EDUCATION QUESTION TIME

Manchester Teachers’ Association NUT are presenting an **Education Question Time** at **Manchester Mechanics Institute on Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm to 8.30pm.**

Chair will be **Allan Beswick** of BBC Radio Manchester and

panellists will include:

Max Hyde NUT

National President

Ian Fenn, Headteacher Burnage Academy for Boys

Dame Dana Ross-Wawrzynski, CEO, Bright Futures Education Trust

Zahra Alijah, Lecturer in Education, University of Manchester

Jon Pritchard, Manchester Councillor and a Primary School Chair of Governors.

All are welcome including parents, sixth form students, governors, teachers and anyone else with an interest in education.

Admission is free but please register in advance for tickets with the MTA office on **0161 945 5061**. You can send suggested questions in advance to secretary@manchester.nut.org.uk

RETIRED TEACHERS SECTION

The next meeting of the Section will take place on **Tuesday 4th November 2014** when **Bryan Lingwood** will give a presentation on ‘**Experiences of Growing Up during the Second World War**’.



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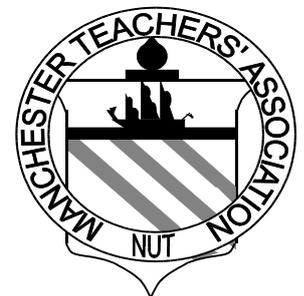
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New members are always welcome at Hough End Centre 10.15am.

Local **subscriptions** to the section of £8.00 due in September, should be made payable to Manchester Teachers' Association, Retired Members Section. If any retired member would like to receive this newsletter by email please inform the MTA office.

FRED AND ANNE JARVIS AWARD 2015

The award will be made to a person who has campaigned tirelessly on a national or local level on education issues broadly in support of NUT's ethos and approach.

Nominations of non-NUT members should be accompanied by a maximum 500 words resume of the nomination along with details of the nominator and their division/association to

c.dignan@nut.org.uk by 5pm on Monday 2nd February 2015.

WALTER HINES PAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The NUT sponsored Walter Hines Page scholarships offer teachers the chance to explore **educational ideas** between **Britain and America**.

Scholars travel to the USA to study an aspect of education relevant to their own professional interests. Details and an application form can be obtained from **a.bush@nut.org.uk**. Applications must be returned by **21st**

December 2014

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting of Manchester Teachers' Association NUT will take place on Wednesday **12th November 2014** at **The Barlow High School**, Parrs Wood Road, West Didsbury commencing at **6.00pm**.

Do try to attend, the General Secretary will give the latest update on action and full details of the agenda will be in schools beforehand and on the website.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership of Manchester Teachers' Association continues to rise and with the new school year NQTs are swelling the number to even higher levels. If you have new colleagues in school ask them to join NUT if they have not already done so. By now many NQTs will have enjoyed the **Welcome Event** held at Dukes 92 in Castlefield on Friday 10th October by MTA in association with the Stockport, Salford and Trafford Associations, and will

appreciate contact with existing members in their schools.

OBITUARY

Isla Mary Buttar suffered a severe stroke, fortunately when a carer was with her, and died three days later on 20th July this summer.

Isla started her career teaching at a private boarding school in Wales where daughters of MPs and other public persons largely made up the intake. After three years she returned to Manchester in 1953 to take up a post at Ducie Technical High School for Girls. At comprehensivisation in 1967 Ducie High School became a co-educational school and Isla became Head of the English Department. Isla was known as a successful, loyal and compassionate teacher and stayed at the school until her retirement in 1982.

In retirement, coming from a family with a developed social conscience, Isla was involved in the work of her local Parish Church in Cheadle Hulme and gave her services to the local Oxfam shop. Isla was a life member of NUT and until her recent ill-health, as a member of the Retired Teachers Section of MTA regularly took part in its meetings. MTA NUT gives its condolences to Isla's relatives, all now in Scotland, and all her neighbours and friends who cared for her. She will be missed.



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