

NUT National Officer Elections 2016-18

Dear Colleague,

We are writing in support of the candidates featured below to ask you to consider voting for them in the forthcoming National Officers' elections. They truly understand and represent the interests of ordinary grass roots members. The seismic shift in British politics, that is the General Election outcome, presents unexpected and unwelcome new challenges for our Union. We believe that these candidates have the necessary talents to enable the union to develop and effectively respond to these challenges.

Please vote for **Dave Brinson** and **Linda Goodwin** for Vice-President, and **John Pemberthy** for Treasurer. **Dave, Linda, and John** are the right team to carry through our programme of work for the coming years of challenge for our union and our profession. All have been or are members of the National Executive.



Dave is a serving classroom teacher, teaching Performing Arts in a secondary school in Eastbourne, and the Division Secretary for East Sussex NUT. He was proud to serve on the National Executive from 2008-14, and to have chaired the LGBT Advisory Committee and the Disability Working Party. You can read more at his website: www.DaveBrinsonNUT.blogspot.com and on Twitter @Dave4VP

Linda is a primary supply teacher and National Executive member. She is vice-chair of the Resource Management standing committee and chairs the Annual Conference Working group where reforms have ensured the smooth running of this important event. She also serves on the Wales committee which has enabled her to understand the significant challenges facing members there.



John is a National Executive member, Divisional Secretary and secondary teacher who is vice-chair of the Salaries, Superannuation, Employment Conditions and Rights committee. He is also a member of the Wales committee where he has been impressed by the work being done to support members in a different educational landscape. He is committed to ensuring that the issues of concern and importance to all members and local lay activists are being fully addressed. He is also working on how to free resources to use on providing the casework support needed by our local officers and members.

We are standing together as a group committed to being a campaigning union which lobbies effectively on curriculum and pedagogical issues alongside conditions of service issues. Following the installation of a new Government we need to focus on educational issues of relevance to our members which are informed by the profession through research and effective practice not political ideology and false concepts of accountability.

As a lay-led union our members must be consulted on strategic reviews of national policy. Much more needs to be done to ensure that the structure of the union remains fit for purpose in the changing educational landscape. We need to make our organisation fit for the 21st century. This means we need to go further in reviewing our structure and put more resources into supporting and protecting members as well as recruiting and training more reps.

Teachers share a deep concern for ensuring access to education for children and the welfare of their teachers around the world, and want to work with those countries where we can learn from good practice – like Finland. We must show solidarity with fellow trade unionists facing oppression – but this should be balanced with the need to avoid becoming distracted by events which are beyond the remit of our union, and do not reflect the views and concerns of our members.

The election of a majority Tory Government requires the Union to carefully reflect on how it best responds to an anticipated 5 years of regressive education policies. The Union must be unified, focused and effective in promoting policies, protecting members and schools from renewed attacks.

Surely, there can now be no greater compelling motivation for increasing efforts to achieve a single teachers' Union to maximise the voice of the profession to campaign and work together to defend state education. Never before has there been a greater need to show a genuine commitment to Professional Unity to give us a strong and effective voice in our negotiations with the new government and employers in Schools and Academies. If the leadership of other teacher unions will not listen – we should appeal directly to their members and ask them to demand it!

Signed:

Anne Swift (Vice-President), **Beth Davies** (Past President), **Marilyn Harrop** (Past President), **Judy Moorhouse OBE** (Past President), **Hilary Bills** (Past President), **John Bills** (Past President), **Lesley Auger** (Past President), **Judith Elderkin** (Past President)

Jerry Glazier (National Executive), **Amanda Martin** (National Executive), **Robin Head** (National Executive), **Neil Foden** (National Executive), **Alan Rutter** (National Executive), **Jay Barry** (National Executive), **Beth Purnell** (National Executive), **Ken Rustidge** (National Executive)

NUT NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTION

Support the moderate, sensible activists wanting our union to do more for all teachers.
Vote for effective leadership, accountable to members and not political factions.

Vote For Vice President



**Linda
Goodwin**
Staffordshire



**Dave
Brinson**
East Sussex

Experienced candidates - determined to:

- ✓ Cut teachers' workload
- ✓ Campaign for one teachers' union
- ✓ Protect UPS and boost pay
- ✓ Support local caseworkers
- ✓ Maintain a qualified teacher for every class
- ✓ Stop baseline assessment tests

Vote for Treasurer



John Pemberthy
Gloucestershire

Experienced candidate - determined to:

- ✓ Support members in different educational landscapes
- ✓ Free up resources to support local caseworkers
- ✓ Campaign for one teachers' union
- ✓ Maintain a qualified teacher for every class

