

CONFERENCE 2017

NUT National Conference this year was held in **Cardiff**. It was the **145th Annual Conference** of the Union. It was **Kevin Courtney's** first Conference as General Secretary and also his last as future gatherings will be of the new joint Union.

A whole range of issues were **debated** including topics such as Appraisal policies, Education funding, International policy, Sixth Form Colleges, Inclusive Curriculum, Primary Assessment, Workload, LGBT+, Racism and migration, Devolved education in Wales, Supply Teaching, SEN, Asbestos, Sex and Relationship education, Staff Wellbeing, Bullying and more.

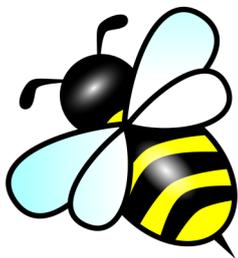
Crucially Conference voted against affiliation to any political party and resolved to continue to work with and seek support from all political parties.

Visiting speakers included Mary Bousted, General Secretary of ATL, Fred Jarvis, former General Secretary, Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell and Professor Howard Stevenson, a former NUT School Representative now at the School of Education at the University of Nottingham who chillingly spoke of the government having abandoned teaching as a long term, sustainable career, something the new Union must fight with all the determination it can summon.

Manchester's representatives report a good Conference engendering a great deal of interest and creating a fine atmosphere. A full list of motions and results is available at teachers.org.uk/news-events/events/annual-conference

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the days following the appalling atrocity committed at The Manchester Arena, Manchester Teachers' Association cancelled an 'Education Question Time' planned for a venue and also Meeting. This respect and the people of an indication of those who died, suffering the ones .



City Centre the May General was in a spirit of solidarity with Manchester and shared grief with are injured or are loss of loved

HEALTH ASSURED

'Health Assured' is a **24 hour helpline** made available through the City Council's Health and Safety service. This is particularly following recent traumatic events in the City and enables employees to seek help and advice, both practical and emotional, by a confidential telephone call. Qualified,

experienced counsellors offer help and support in a professional, friendly and non-judgemental manner. Calls are free **0800 030 5182**. There is also an online Health Portal at www.healthassuredeap.com



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CAMPAIGNING

NUT is maintaining its campaign to secure **adequate funding** for schools and **conditions** for teachers. Following the General Election, some of the proposed aspects of the governments education policy may not be continued but there will still be a need to press for the nationwide cuts to local authority budgets with their drastic effects on schools, their children and teachers, to be opposed. They have not gone away.

NUT will have a series of **initiatives nationally and locally** and members should look out for these, support and/or join in where possible. Leafletting and stalls in the city centre are planned this term and the Education Question Time cancelled this term may be revived early next term.

STEPHEN MARCINIAK

Stephen Marciniak is retiring this term. He has given many years of hard work and service to Manchester Teachers' Association not least as General Secretary and Members Cases' Secretary and many members have good personal reasons to be grateful for his advice and support.

Stephen will be **very much missed** but he will **still be around**, including at the Retired Members Section. The Association's very best thanks and good wishes go to Stephen. Well done!

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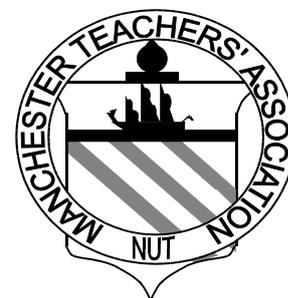
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RETIRED TEACHERS SECTION

The Section has several events coming up in the summer months. On **Tuesday 4th July Roy Chapman** will give a presentation on 'The Battle of Britain', usual time and venue **10.15am, Hough End Centre**.

On **1st August**, same time and venue, **Michael O'Brien** will give a presentation on 'Capt von Trapp in the Adriatic' (Sound of Music?). There will also be further information about the **visit on Sunday 13th August** which takes the form of a visit to **Standedge Tunnel** including a set lunch in **Saddleworth** and an opportunity to take a **boat trip into the tunnel**. This promises to be a very enjoyable excursion to match last summer's visit to Peak Rail's dining train.

The meeting on **Tuesday 5th September** will be one of 'Coffee, Administration and Chat' including the payment of **£12.00 Subscription** fee. Cheques made payable to 'Manchester Teachers' Association Retired Members Section'. New members are always welcome.

Lily Critten has decided to stand down as programme secretary of the Retired Members Section. Lily has fulfilled this role for **twenty years** during which time she has provided a series of fascinating and enjoyable visiting speakers and events. The best thanks of the Section and of Manchester Teachers Association have been given to Lily and appreciation expressed in floral terms.

Tony Zajac has agreed to take over Lily's responsibilities with our best wishes. Not to worry, Lily will still be attending meetings!

HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

H & S inspections and advice are available to **Local Authority Schools** free through the LA's H & S Department, Sometimes schools have spent money on private companies and received inferior service and misleading advice, A **very important** matter is **asbestos control**. Does your school know the location of any asbestos in the building and are statutory requirements for containment and documentation in place and up to date?

NUT DIARIES

Members should note that there will be no **NUT Pocket Diary** available to buy for the academic year 2017-18. This is because the decision has been taken not to produce one. If there is to be one in the future it will be an NEU diary to reflect the new circumstances. Academic year pocket diaries are available at branches of all good stationers but, of course, they will not contain all the useful **addresses and information** members have come to expect in their NUT diary. Members who have a 2016-17 NUT diary may wish to hold on to it, not just because it is the **last of its kind**, but also for the information it contains much of which

will remain current in the immediate future. If you wish that NEU will continue to produce such a pocket diary in future, perhaps you should be informing your Union now.

IWMD

International Workers Memorial Day honours the memory of people killed in workplace incidents or have died as a result of their work. This year's event was attended by about 200 people. It was addressed by **relatives** and by **Andy Burnham**, Mayor of Greater Manchester, Manchester Teachers' Association NUT laid a **wreath** as did representatives of other Unions



and made a **donation** to 'Manchester Hazards'. It was a dignified and moving occasion.

KEEP RECRUITING

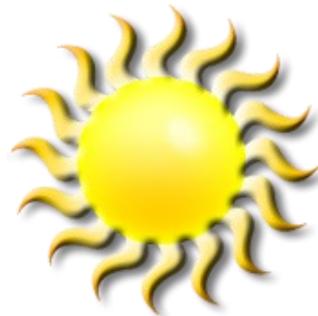
Members know that NUT will cease to exist as a separate Union and become NEU along with ATL which will be doing the same. This does not effect **existing membership** which will be **transferred automatically**. Existing members should ask non-members to join and they can do so at **www.teachers.org.uk/join** or **020 7380 6369**. If your number or address has changed be sure to inform your Union.

END OF TERM

The end of the academic year is upon us and we reach the summer break with a sigh of relief.

Rest, relax, recuperate and rebuild for the new term will be with us again soon.

Have a good summer. You really deserve it and 'stay close to your Union'!



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