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Yes, we must get used to these initials, the **National Education Union** is now with us. There is a new logo and we are the Manchester NUT Section of the new Union. This is a transitional year in which NUT and ATL merge into the one national organisation and there is a period of gradual change.

Nationally, **Kevin Courtney** and **Mary Bousted** are joint General Secretaries until the time comes when one NEU General Secretary is elected by the membership. Individual membership continues as it has been during the transitional phase and new members will be recruited jointly. In Manchester a programme of meetings is being rolled out where officers go into schools to explain what NEU is and to **raise awareness** of the change and what to expect. This will be mirrored nationally by other local associations. New recruitment materials and application forms are available and have been used at local recruitment sessions for freshers in local universities. From 1st September NQTs who upgrade to full membership of NEU will be entitled to get involved in and have access to the advice, guidance and learning opportunities available from both the NUT and ATL sections of NEU.

We are working '**Together for Education**', be with us.

NEW PRESIDENT

President of Manchester Teachers Association NUT for the academic year 2017-2018 is **Joseph Boden** of Whalley Range High School. Joe is the last ever president of the Association because of the merger and creation of the National Education Union. Best wishes go to him for a good presidential year; it will be a busy one.

The best thanks of the Association go to retiring President **Lesley Weatherill** who has completed a highly successful year of service in the best traditions of Manchester Teachers Association NUT.

CYPOS

We are pleased to be able to announce that **Liam Duffy** has been re-elected unopposed to represent the **Secondary Sector** on the Children and Young Persons Scrutiny Committee of Manchester City Council. Liam will continue to represent the interests of all

teachers and the children they teach on this important body. **Congratulations Liam.**

PAY INCREASE SEPTEMBER 2017

Justine Greening accepted the published recommendations of the **STRB** which meant pay increases as follows:-

- a **2% increase** in the maximum and minimum of the Main Pay Scale.

- a **1% increase** in the maxima and minima of all other pay ranges and allowances.

Although the STRB recommendations are in excess of its remit and the Governments 1% pay limit, they are obviously far less than might have been expected given the STRBs previously expressed view that a pay increase significantly higher than 1% would be needed in the near future.

Justine Greening's response has also

sought to emphasise her view that only teachers on the minimum of the Main Pay Scale will automatically get a 2% increase. NUT, nationally and locally, is seeking to ensure that schools continue to use prescribed pay scales which incorporate at least the above increases to pay ranges, give a cost of living increase to all teachers and avoid any conflation of the cost of living increase with progress on pay scales.

Clearly this 'pay rise' is **inadequate** and is in real terms a pay cut coming as it does on top of years of pay cap. Recent talk from Central Government about abandoning the 1% pay cap for Public Sector Workers will only be meaningful if a **substantial increase** follows and that the **funding is provided centrally** so that schools do not have to make other cuts in provision to fund a teacher's pay rise.

There is much further to go and current suggestions will not solve the **crisis in teacher recruitment and retention** which is upon us.



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RETIRED TEACHERS SECTION

The summer visit to the **Huddersfield Narrow Canal** at Standedge was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Lunch at the Church Inn Saddleworth was a delightful precursor to the journey to Marsden and the Tunnel mouth at Standedge. A journey on the canal trip boat was followed by light refreshment and enjoyment of the mild sunny weather and relaxing canal side conversation. Another time we might journey into the tunnel. Thanks to **Tony Zajac** for his organisation of the event.

The September meeting of coffee, administration and chat was enjoyed by all; it is a very convivial group. The October meeting saw a change of programme as **Julie Chapman** gave a most informative talk on **Stroke and the work of the Stroke Association**. Deborah Leigh will give her talk on a walk through Italy at a later date.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th November** when **Tony Zajac** will give a presentation on 'The Life of a Dance Teacher', at the usual venue of The **Hough End Centre 10.15am**. New members welcome. December 5th is the date for the annual Christmas Lunch and members should look out for information about menus, cost and final date for booking and paying which will be issued sooner than you may think.

RETIRED TEACHERS CONVENTION

The annual NUT Retired Teachers Convention will be held at **Hamilton House**, London on **Tuesday 17th October**. This gathering gives retired members an opportunity to meet and discuss a range of topics including how to continue to participate in Union campaigns.

FIRE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Not surprisingly in the light of recent tragic events, DfE has published new information on its website. All bodies responsible for safety in schools have been asked to **identify** where **external cladding** has been used on buildings and what **type** it is.

Any building with Aluminium Composite Material cladding above 18 metres will have a sample of that cladding checked. The Union has asked that where schools have cladding which is '**not of limited combustibility**' it is informed so that the information can be shared with relevant Divisions and Associations.

The Union has asked DfE to ensure that schools share all information with staff and parents to **allay fears** and that Union Safety Reps are consulted. It will be urged that removal of such cladding from schools is expedited.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting of the **Manchester NUT**

Section of the National Education Union will take place on **Wednesday 1st November at 5.00pm** at the **Hough End Centre**, Mauldeth Road.

Members should try to attend, there will be light refreshments available before the meeting which will be an opportunity to hear the latest information on NEU and current issues and to seek answers to any questions on campaigns.

NATIONAL ELECTION

Nominations are called for the position of **National Vice President** of NUT in what will be the last such election as we merge into the new NEU.

Manchester Officer Body is supporting **Amanda Martin** and calls upon members to vote for her in the coming election. **Amanda** has much successful experience on **National Executive** and its committees and was elected to the **Joint Executive Council** of the new Union, NEU.

Amanda will continue to work tirelessly on **professional issues** and **conditions of service** that have always been at the heart of NUT, both **nationally** and for **local** associations.

When ballot papers arrive in the post, don't put them to one side with good intentions, **vote**, for such voting is at the democratic heart of our Union now and in the future.

Vote early and please vote for **Amanda Martin**.

EBACC CONSULTATION

The DfE has released its long delayed response to the consultations on **Ebacc**.

Against strong opposition, voiced in the consultation, the Government will press ahead with its aspirational target for **90%** of pupils to take Ebacc subjects by 2025.

This is in defiance of teacher shortages, student preferences and the needs of a broad and balanced curriculum. Many talented young people will be **denied the opportunity** to pursue demanding academic courses in subjects close to their heart and central to their interests, by being dragooned into following courses in subjects which are vital in themselves but not for the individual student. The Union will continue to work with '**Bacc for the Future**' the alliance of more than 200 education, business and arts organisations to oppose the Ebacc bandwagon.

NQT AND YOUNG TEACHER EVENT

This annual function took place at **Dukes 92 Bar, Castlefield**, Manchester on **Friday 13th October** and was widely appreciated. This welcome function was supported by Salford NUT and Manchester ATL Sections as well as ourselves, the Manchester NUT Section. There was a free buffet, a bar and a DJ and this evening function was enjoyed by all who attended.



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