



NEU DEVELOPMENTS

We are getting ever closer to the full amalgamation of NUT and ATL. We are becoming used to the new logos and titles and Easter saw the last ever NUT Conference. The same things are happening in ATL.

Discussions continue both nationally and locally with the NEU gradually emerging. Locally the ATL General Secretary Liz Lawson is retiring in August and John Morgan is looking into his responsibilities and whether his role can be combined with that of the ATL Secretary as no-one else seems to be coming forward from the ATL Section. It is also intended that from September the two Committees can be combined and the questions around voting rights are being investigated.

For the members in general, although externals may undergo change, fundamental roles and responsibilities that go with membership will still be paramount. The need to **cast your vote** is vital to the democratic process.

Keeping up to date with what is going on in the Union is really helped by attending **meetings** (it doesn't have to be all of them) and **reading** Union literature and this will not change irrespective of what we call ourselves.

It can be tempting to leave it all to so called activists but the Union is about every member whatever their needs and beliefs and this means **participation** - you choose the level.

NEU is by far the largest education Union, the potential is tremendous but we must make it **work for all**.

FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

The May General Meeting was quorate long enough to enable some nominations for National Union elections to be decided. For National Treasurer, the Manchester Section has nominated **Robin Head** and for National Membership and E qualities Officer, **Louise Regan**.

These elections will take place in July.

For the Black Teachers Equality Post, **Daniel Kebede** was nominated and for National Executive Member for Greater Manchester **John Morgan**. These elections will take place in November.

It is very important that **Manchester** has a member on the National Executive and it is very important that **Manchester supports John Morgan** when the ballot is distributed to members.

Look out for election materials and ballot papers which

will be delivered to each members' postal address and please **make sure that you vote**. Don't put it off - **vote** as soon as you receive the ballot paper.

WORKLOAD

Members are reminded that DfE and Ofsted have jointly launched a video detailing the tasks around planning, marking and data that **Ofsted does not want to see**, and which **Headteachers should not be asking for**.

Clearly, addressing the funding crisis and accountability systems in schools are needed to solve the problems but meanwhile, this guidance and previous clarifications should be used with school management to **strip out unnecessary tasks** and reduce workload. If problems are not addressed members should contact the Union via the Manchester office.

NEW LEGISLATION

New legislation concerning the **collection and storage of data** came into effect at the end of May. Members will have been contacted by various charities and organisations they have joined about their personal details and privacy policies but as well as such bodies it also affects our Union.



The full effect is still being assessed but will include matters concerning membership records, communication with members, strict election etiquette and anything else which involves the storage and dissemination of information to members, other bodies and/or individuals.

School Representatives who are unsure if some activity comes within the scope of the new Act should contact the Manchester office.

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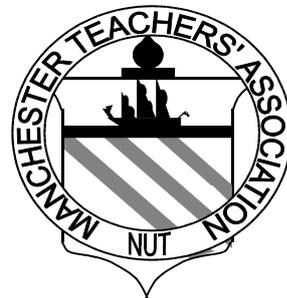
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RETIRED TEACHERS SECTION

At the June meeting Michael O'Brien gave a fascinating presentation about the Fleet family of Greenmount Virginia which gave insight into the issues around the American Civil War which only thorough archival research can do.

The next meeting of the Section will be on **Tuesday 3rd July** when **Charles Hamilton** will talk on 'Hospital Scout Groups' at the Hough End Centre starting at 10.15am.

Several events will come up during the summer before the next issue of 'The Manchester Teacher'.

The meeting on **Tuesday 7th August** will be a presentation on 'A History of Manchester Grammar School' given by **Rachel Nneale**. At the August meeting payment and arrangements will have to be finalised for the visit to **Dunham Massey Hall and Park** planned for **Saturday 8th September**. A minimum of fifteen are needed for this. **Tuesday 4th September** will be the annual administration meeting with payment of **subscriptions** and exchange of **summer experiences**. Clearly a busy time for an active section. New members are always welcome.

WELCOME FUNCTION

This is preliminary notification of the annual NQT and Welcome Function. It will take place on Friday 12th October at Dukes 92 in Castlefield with a bar, DJ and a free buffet.

This has been a popular venue in recent years and more detailed information will be in schools early in the new term. Mark the date in your diary now!



Together for education

NQT and Young Teachers Event

Friday 12th October.

8pm onwards

Free Buffet. Bar & DJ

Dukes 92 Bar, Castlefield, Manchester

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GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Manchester NUT Section of the National Education Union will be the first of the new academic year. It will take place on **Wednesday 20th September**. Details of the Agenda and venue will be in schools early September.

MAY DAY

The Manchester NUT Section of NEU was represented at the May Day celebrations at the **Mechanics Institute** during the weekend of April 28th and 29th. Members attending reported interesting and enjoyable activities.

On the Saturday a wreath was laid by Stephen Marciniak on behalf of the Manchester Section at the ceremony to mark **International Workers Memorial Day** which marks the death of workers in industrial and other work related incidents. Teachers and their families have been affected in this way as a result of asbestos related illness culminating in death.

CASEWORK

For many members, casework is the most important element of Union activity; it's what they joined for. By its nature it often goes unnoticed by all except those intimately involved because it is often private but serious and personal. Currently it is unusually high and demanding. This reflects the current pressures on teachers in schools around workload, intimidation and threats to tenure in addition to problems of pupil behaviour and inadequate support.

Teachers need the Union to be there for them in times of need.

RECRUITMENT

As we morph into NEU, recruitment of new members remains an important task and the procedural changes are no inhibition. School Representatives and all members should invite any colleagues who are new or who are known to be not yet a Union member to join. New member joining fee is only

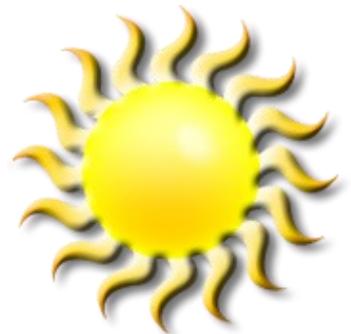
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Details from the **Manchester office** or
www.teachers.org.uk

HAPPY HOLIDAY

When it comes to the end of term, **take a break**. There are always things to do in the summer vacation, preparing new courses and materials, perhaps some CPD, but don't forget **relaxation**. You have worked **hard and long** during the school year and you must take care to **relax and recharge** for your own sake and for the sake of those you teach.

The start of the new term will arrive remarkably quickly!



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