

NASUWT

Islington Association

THE CAREER TEACHER'S ORGANISATION

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To all Islington Teachers,

Conference Special

This year three of us represented Islington at our annual Conference in Llandudno.

It is a chance to meet with delegates from across the country to compare notes on how government policies have had an impact around the country and to agree the union's stance in response.

Various politicians spoke, including Charles Clarke who told us what he was really doing during the NUT conference .. He seemed very keen on extended schools and quite cool about the national curriculum, especially at KS4.

There was unanimous support for the NASUWT campaign on pensions. We will defend the right to retire at 60 and campaign for a right to flexible working and step down arrangements at the end of our careers.

We will continue our campaign to protect teachers from media exposure when allegations are made and will investigate how teachers could seek compensation if the claims were malicious.

Annual General Meeting

Time: 4:30 - 6pm

Date: Wednesday 19th May 2004

**Venue: Central Foundation School
Cowper Street, EC2 (near Old St tube)
refreshments will of course be provided**

Conference insisted that the metaphorical book be thrown at schools where the workload agreement is not implemented. This includes protecting the one meeting per week limit. Mild disapproval of another union which (in areas other than Islington) have undermined the agreement was also expressed.

Conference decided not to oppose SATs on the basis that they are externally marked and a replacement would be workload intensive (as they are at KS1). Delegates finally felt that without the tables, the pressure for position would wither and the SATs would merely be for assessment. It was, however, a close vote.

Next year we might consider putting forward motions calling for protection for teachers against unfounded allegations appearing in CRB checks as well as on workload associated with KS1 SATs. This, however, depends on interest from the membership.

Motions in Brief

Through various motions we confirmed

We will continue to **campaign for:**

- Protection against stress
- Sabbaticals
- Work life balance
- Teacher anonymity under investigation
- The right to end a career with dignity

Our opposition to:

- Inclusions and true costs of effective provision
- Racism and Fascism and will seek to have the law changed to allow BNP members to be barred from the NASUWT outright.
- Management bullying and poor pupil behaviour
- League Tables
- LMS and inequitable funding formulae
- An imposed six term year

Nominations for Offices within Islington NASUWT

Candidates for offices in the Islington Association should be eligible for membership of the association (that is, be a paid up full member of the NASUWT and have a connection with the borough, working in Islington or choosing Islington as the association which best serves his/her interests)

This is to nominate
of school / PRU / other
for the post of :

Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Officer post	<input type="checkbox"/>		

This nomination is proposed by
of school / PRU / other
and seconded by
of school / PRU / other

Declaration to be signed by the candidate:

I, (print name) am a paid-up member of the NASUWT and am prepared to accept the nomination for the above post,
signed date

Nominations should be sent to Ian Tyrrell, Central Foundation School for Boys, Cowper Street, EC2 (fax: 7336 7295) to arrive by Wenesday 28th April.

If there is only one nomination for a post then that person will be elected unopposed. Postal ballots will be arranged in the event of a contested election.

Other Officer posts could be created by the officers or at the AGM if the meeting so desired. These posts could include, but would not be limited to:

Social Events Officer, Equal Opportunities Officer, London Liaison Officer, Benevolence Officer

Conference also supported teachers in Northern Ireland where UPS 3 is not yet fully funded.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th May, 2004, beginning at 4:30pm
It will be held at Central Foundation School for Boys.

Kathy Duggan and Milena Lee were elected as National Executive members for District 23 ~ inner London

Greg Robbins

Pensions Campaign

On Saturday 19th June, there will be a joint demonstration/lobby of all the TUC unions to express the strength of feeling about protecting our pensions that we pay into. People will travel from across the country, but locally we will work together with the NUT and other teaching unions to get as lage a contingent together as possible. We will send out more details closer to the event, or visit the website.