



# Newsletter



March 2014

## Strike on 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Members of the NUT are striking on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to defend pensions, a fair pay system, and decent conditions of service.**

We can't allow

- Performance management to determine pay
- The loss of pay when we change schools
- Pensions being slashed while contributions soar
- A return to bureaucratic tasks
- An intolerable workload – the DfE's own Teacher Workload Survey, published last week, reveals that primary school teachers are working 60 hours a week and secondary school teachers 56.

Events are being organised up and down the country leading up to the strike, and on the strike day itself.

### What's happening in Bradford?

#### Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Leafleting the city centre between 11 and 1. Meet on Hustlergate (near Waterstone's bookshop) at 11. Please help if you can.

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – the strike day

A march in the city centre followed by a strike rally at the Hilton Hotel. Gather in Centenary Square, the march will set off at 11.00.

Please turn up to support your Union.

NUT members in Calderdale and Kirklees will be joining us.

Our action so far has wrung some concessions out of the Government and shown it is not immovable, now we just need to keep the pressure up.

### All out on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

## The Workload Survey (see over the page for illustrations)

The Department for Education has finally released the results of the Teacher Workload Survey carried out in 2013, and they make shocking, if unsurprising, reading. The headline figures are that the number of hours worked by teachers is going up under Michael Gove.

- Primary teachers work an average 60 hour week
- Secondary teachers work an average 56 hour week

These figures are further bad news for Michael Gove, coming soon after he was defeated on his proposals to make teachers work longer days and have shorter holidays.

This is the Secretary of State who said his reforms would give teachers greater "freedoms and flexibilities" and release them to concentrate on teaching and learning.

It is clear that the increased hours being worked is a result of increased pressure on teachers to prove that they are doing their job.

The figures have only been released as a result of the recent NUT campaign, which included e-mails, FOI requests and a twitter storm last week before the first meeting with the Department for Education.

The NUT will now ensure these figures are on the table for every meeting with Michael Gove and MPs will be pressured to say what they are going to do to reduce teachers' working hours.

**Our campaign is working and we want to keep up the pressure.**

## Need some funding for a school project?

Could you and your pupils use some funding for a project aimed to promote community cohesion through educational activities undertaken in Bradford District schools?

Bradford NUT will make available up to **£1000** for a project of this nature.

Expressions of interest should be received by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, with a brief outline of your ideas. The project should be something new, over and above the normal work of the school.

This annual award is in memory of NUT member Geoff Robinson, for his lifelong fight against both racism and fascism.

Please contact Alison Hill, equalities officer at the union office for further details or simply send your application by letter or email to her ([alison@bradfordnut.org](mailto:alison@bradfordnut.org)).

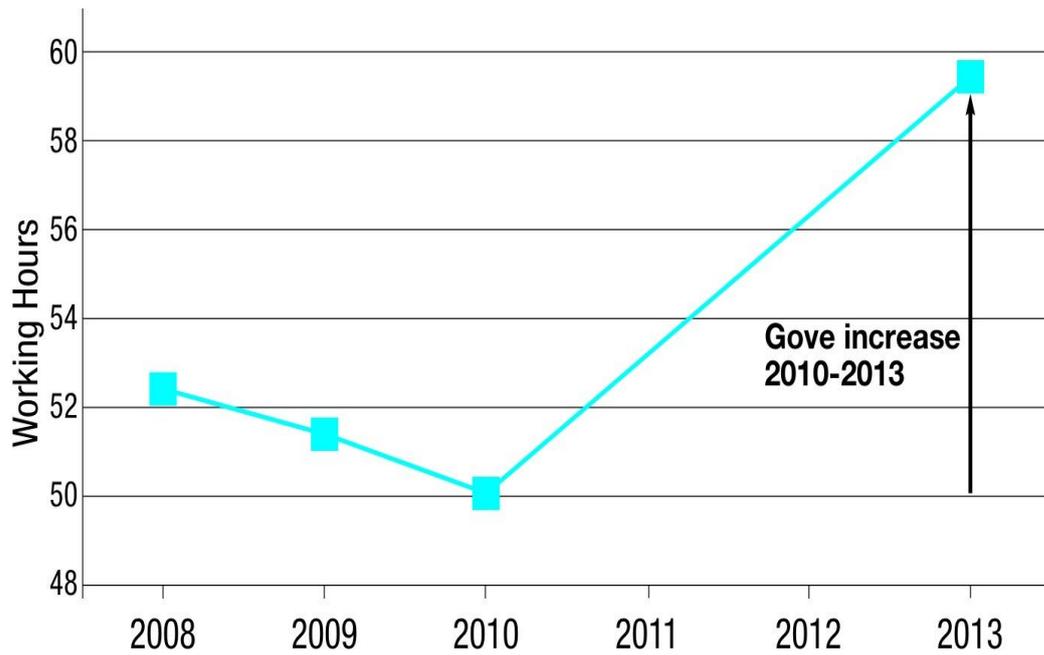
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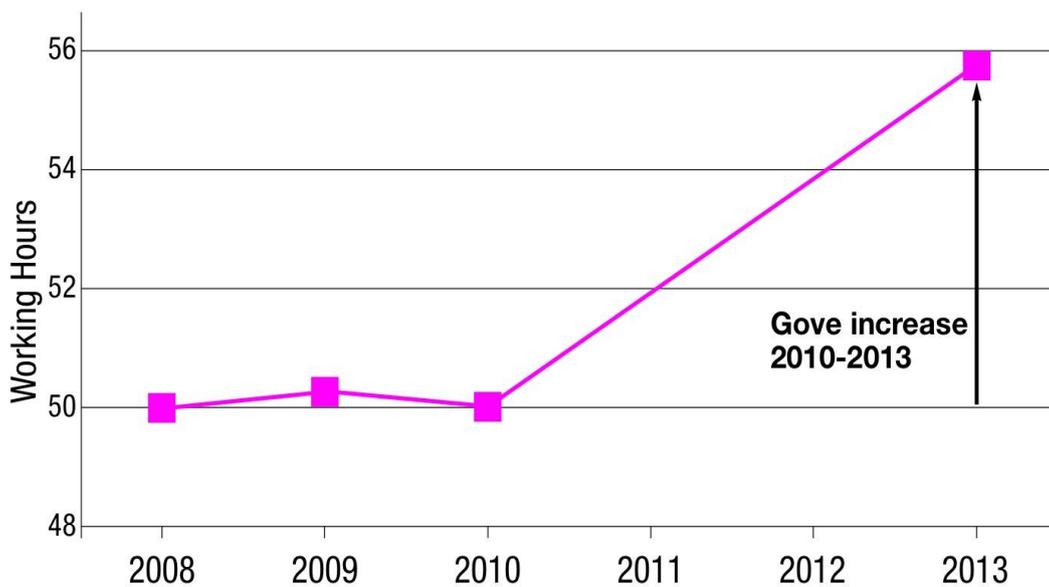
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