



Newsletter



October 2013

You have made a difference



A big thank you to all the NUT members who took strike action alongside their colleagues in the NASUWT on 1st October. The strike achieved massive support across the region. In Bradford almost all schools were closed or partially closed, with only a few pupils attending.

Large rallies in Leeds and Sheffield shouted out our message loud and clear: We will not stand by and watch Gove and the Coalition Government attack our pay and pensions and drive a bulldozer over hard won conditions of service. Teachers do not want a free for all on pay and working hours, do not want to return to covering lessons, supervising lunchtimes, teaching without PPA time and wasting valuable time on clerical tasks.

The strike also drew lots of publicity, including radio interviews and interviews on a picket line, giving ordinary union members the chance to have their say.

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Following the strike, the Department of Education has

offered talks about talks with the NUT and NASUWT. By the time you read this, another strike will have taken place in the North East, Cumbria, London, the South East and South West. If, following this, we have not progressed to meaningful talks, NUT and NASUWT members will take part in a national strike before the end of term. We are making them listen – let's keep up the pressure.



Union members making their voices heard



Aunty Austerity warns against turning back the clock

Pay for the strike day

Did you know you can claim tax relief on union subscriptions and GTC fees? Go to our website at www.bradfordnut.org and follow the link. If your claim goes back 4 years this should more than recompense you for the money stopped.

Go to YouTube
Sticking to the Union October 1st
Leeds and hear the rousing finale to the Leeds demo!

National Officer Elections

When you receive your ballot forms, please vote for
Louise Regan
and
Philipa Harvey
for Vice Presidents.
Both candidates have been nominated by Bradford NUT

Ian Murch (Treasurer)
and Alison Palmer (Examiner of Accounts) were returned unopposed.

Local Officer Elections

Nomination papers for these positions are in schools. This includes nominations for Conference Representatives. Conference in 2014 is in Brighton over the Easter weekend.

Next General Meeting of Bradford NUT

Tuesday 5th November at the International Restaurant.
5 - 6.30, with tea and coffee from 4.30

Come along to discuss the strikes, the action short of strike action, and other issues facing schools.

Why not stay for a FREE CURRY (or other meal of your choice) afterwards

Join the NUT, the largest teachers' union. Just ring the Joining Hotline on

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Election for NUT Vice-President



Louise Regan



Philipa Harvey

Stand Up for Teachers and Education

Our Priorities:

- *the defence of our national pay and conditions*
- *a fair appraisal system which emphasises professional development*
 - *a curriculum led by classroom teachers*
- *promoting real equality in schools and colleges*
- *ending the burden of debt on young teachers*

"Louise is a consistent, knowledgeable and experienced advocate for teachers and democratic, public education. There has never been a more important time for the President of our union to demonstrate those qualities."

Mary Compton, President 2004/05
"Louise's opposition to the destructive effects of Ofsted is clear to anyone who has heard her speak at National Conference. She has a track record of framing and supporting union policies on equality and as a local officer, representing members who have faced challenges in their workplace." **Gill Goodswen, President 2010/11**

"I have worked with Louise and Philipa for many years. They are both committed teachers and NUT activists. I think they will make an extremely strong team."

Ian Murch,
National Treasurer
since 2006

Philipa is a committed, determined, decisive woman - one who will fight for our conditions of service and state education in equal measures; one who will ensure that the voice of all is heard."

Baljeet Ghale, President 2007/08

"Philipa's calm and capable handling of the Conference Business Committee shows she has the qualities to make a good president. Her absolute determination to stand up both for public education and for teachers means she will make a great one." **Max Hyde,**
Senior Vice-President 2013

VOTE REGAN AND HARVEY