



Enfield NUT News



September 2016

Stuart McNamara steps down as Divisional Secretary

Stuart McNamara has been Enfield Divisional Secretary for three years, and stepped down at the end of July 2016. His period of time in office has coincided with a significant increase in workload as a consequence of Government policies such as increased academisation, the introduction of performance-related pay and reductions in real term school funding, as well as significant issues in a small number of local schools.

Stuart has been replaced as Divisional Secretary by Jonathan Jacobs, who is now part of a team of three Casework Officers in Enfield:

Jonathan Jacobs, Divisional Secretary (3 days per week)

Susan O'Shea, Vice President (2 days per week)

Claire Docherty, Assistant Secretary (1 day per week)



Jonathan Jacobs and Stuart McNamara

National NUT Campaigns

Increase the budget for schools

Your support for the NUT strike on July 5th exposed the government lies about school funding. The strike enabled us to get the message across that rising class sizes, cuts to support staff and cuts to courses and extra

tuition are the result of deliberate decisions taken by the government.

Instead of addressing this funding gap the government wants to change the way schools are funded, without putting any extra money into the pot. This is likely to see huge cuts in many parts of the country.

The solution is to increase the education budget and funding for schools and this is what the NUT will be campaigning for, alongside parents and other groups.

NUT joins parents in calling for an end to SATs

The chaos around this year's KS1 and KS2 SATs has highlighted just how damaging our system of assessment and accountability has become. Assessment and accountability are separate things but the government's obsession with using one to inform the other has created a system that is not working for children or teachers.

Year 6 children this year were simply given a statement, which simply stated whether or not they had met the required standard - this resulted in nearly 50% of children being told that they were not at the required standard for secondary school.

The NUT is joining forces with parent groups, other unions and education experts to campaign for an end to SATs and a full review of the primary assessment system. A major conference will be held in December and it is likely that there will be a ballot for a boycott at some stage.

General Meeting Dates

Please add these to your diary. All members are welcome to attend

5 October 2016

30 November 2016

8 February 2017

22 March 2017 (AGM)

17 May 2017

5 July 2017



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Top Tip: Pay increase

You should see a 1% increase in your pay from September.

This increase applies to all points on the pay spine plus TLRs and SEN points.

The STRB has recommended that a “substantial increase” is needed next year to address recruitment and retention – watch this space.

Let us know if you didn't get the pay rise

Black Teachers Conference (11-13 November 2016) Stoke Rochford Hall – this year celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Black Teachers Conference is a fantastic opportunity for Black teachers to get together to share experiences, challenges and opportunities within their role as teachers. If you would like to attend the conference for free please contact the Enfield NUT office at office@enfieldnut.org.uk

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www.enfieldnut.org.uk

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Enfield NUT Young Teachers' Group

Are you 35 or under? Interested in getting more involved in the NUT in Enfield?

Looking for more opportunities for networking and social events with other young teachers? Then you may well be interested in helping to set up the new Enfield NUT Young Teachers' Group.

Contact the local NUT office at
office@enfieldnut.org.uk

Come and discuss with other members at the next meeting on 5 October. Talk to us about attending the Young Teachers Conference at Stoke Rochford Hall, Friday 9 to Sunday 11 June 2017. The fee is £295 but Enfield Division will be happy to send a delegate and pay the fee.

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