

NASUWT

Islington Association

THE CAREER TEACHER'S ORGANISATION

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To all Islington Teachers,

Well another year has begun and hopefully by now the books you're marking will have the right year written as the date - we'd never get that wrong would we. It's been a year since the national agreement was signed and the impact has been felt across the country. According to most heads the changes to the contract have been almost completely implemented, although comments from members suggest many schools have some way to go. Nevertheless, the culture is changing

One of the items on the agenda for our next general meeting is the nomination of national executive members. There are two places for central London. Last year we supported Kathy Duggan and in a bye-election last May Islington supported me.

Both myself and Kathy will be standing again this year and at our meeting on the 29th I will ask you to nominate us formally. Kathy has been actively representing us at national level and campaigned successfully for our London Allowance. I have continued to work on your behalf in Islington and, as London President, have also strived to keep the London associations working together. I believe that our skills would complement each others and that we would make an effective team. In any case, I urge you to use your vote in the second week of February.

At the same meeting we will formally select our conference delegates. To be honest, we hope that this is a formality as hotels are already booked. Rather more important democratically, you will have received a copy of conference motions via your school rep. As an association we can select twelve of these. Those selected by enough associations go forward for debate at Conference and may become national policy. If you discuss these

Islington General Meeting

Time: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Date: Thurs 29th January 2003

**Venue: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Sch
Risinghill Street N1 9QG
refreshments will of course be provided**

with your fellow members and pass on the list of motions you feel are most important, then this will inform our decision. Even better, make sure you come to the meeting. If you have not received the list of motions, contact me and I will send you one.

Last week the council executive formally decided to close Moorfields School at the end of this Summer. The children there will be joined by staff and students from Prior Weston for three years until its new school is built on the Prior Weston Site.

In September 2007 it is planned that the new school will incorporate Prior Weston School, the primary part of Richard Cloudesley School and Fortune Park Children's Centre and other medical services. Past experience with other projects, however, suggests that this estimate might be somewhat optimistic....

We are still working hard to protect the rights of members who transferred to Aqua Terra Leisure some years ago. The employer there would like to reduce wages considerably and review contracts. NASUWT is vigorously defending their interests.

As part of working together across London, a new federation is being set up. Initially this will cover central London, but the aim is for it to represent all London teachers if and when the GLA is given any influence in education. As an association we would be asked to contribute about 30% of our budget. We will discuss this on Thursday.

The law has changed for teachers who are forced to retire on the grounds of ill health. The processing of applications will be handled through the council's occupational therapy service. Teachers may still put forward their own medical expert's reports, but all "appropriate alternatives" will have to be investigated *before* the forms are forwarded to the Teachers' Pension Scheme. This will not speed up the process.

Greg Robbins

General Meeting

4-5:30pm Thursday 29th January 2002

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School

Risinghill Street N1

Agenda

Last minutes

Health and Safety Report

"How safe is your School ?" Conference

Finance

Annual Budget (presentation of)

National Executive Report

R&R and management pts - changes in the law
Agreement on the Upper Pay Spine

Workload

Secretaries Report:

Ill Health retirement - this will now depend on
the borough's occupational health service
Aqua Terra Report
Everything else local

Nominations for National Executive

Balloted motions for Conference

Nominations to conference (delegates)

School Reps cards

London Federation

Issues from Schools

News in Brief:

The upper pay spine will now finish at UPS3 with allowances for "excellence" above this.

Virtually all post threshold teachers should reach UPS3.

National Executive elections will be held in February - make sure you use your vote.

Moorfields School will close from September and a new "Dream" school is proposed for 2007

A "New North Community School" will replace Charles Lamb and Ecclesbourne Schools from September 2004

Plans for the Church of England City Academy on Liverpool Road are continuing. Apart from residential properties on Crossley Street, the site entails the whole block bounded by Liverpool Rd, Bride St, Lough Rd & Crossley St.

All teacher-related policies are continuing to be renegotiated and slimmed down in an attempt to bring them up to date.

West Ham will win the FA Cup this year.

Remember to tax your car on time.

The "How Safe is Your School" H&S conference is on Thursday 26th Feb in Brent. Contact me for information.

