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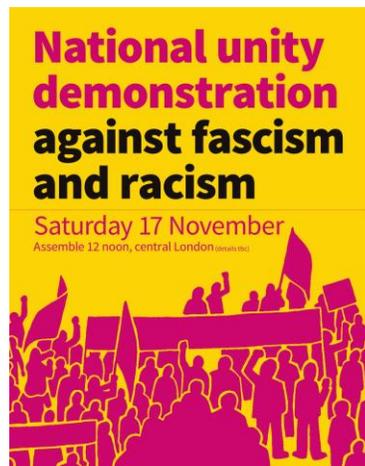
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NEU Ballot for Strike Action Members Briefing

Check your membership details at www.teachers.org.uk/members-reps
November's General Meeting Will be to discuss the ballot.
Please make sure you sign up on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) to be there.

This November our General Meeting is on Thursday 29th 5pm.

There will be buffet style food and a few freebies, (you can never have enough stationary).



Join Us on this event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2126959167379444/>

With the rise of the fascist right and Islamophobic groups such as the dflla and support growing for the fascist Robinson, he has had support from Bannon and other fascists, which are growing across Europe.

It is important to build a national movement united against the extreme right and fascists

John McDonnell is supporting this demonstration alongside other MPs and Union leaders, this needs to be a demonstration that is united against the rise of fascism.

Tickets £10 waged £5 concessions

Coach Leaves Forest Recreation Ground 8am

After “little extras” insult, vote YES to strike action

Following the government’s failure to address the school and college funding crisis in the recent Budget, the NEU, NAHT and ASCL are simultaneously consulting their members on what steps to take next in our campaign.

The ballots begin on Thursday November 15th.

Despite unprecedented mass protests by headteachers and parents, the chancellor, Philip Hammond, did nothing to address their concerns about education funding.

In doing so he managed to insult all those working hard to deal with the effects of cuts in their schools and colleges.

Announcing a one-off grant of £400m the chancellor said it was for the “little extras” schools may need to buy such as a computer or whiteboard – a statement described as “tin-eared” by the Times Education Supplement.

With schools and colleges at breaking point teacher unions set the government six tests for the Budget:

- *Reverse schools cuts*
- *Increase education spending – at least £2bn more is needed to maintain funding in real terms*
- *Increase funding for High Needs, Early Years and 16+*
- *Develop a five year funding plan for schools*
- *Address historic underfunding through levelling up*
- *Implement and fully fund the STRB recommendations*

Our campaign has put the government under pressure and we now believe that the threat of strike action can force them to change policy before the Spending Review due to take place in spring 2019.

How will the ballot work?

- Initially the NEU is conducting an indicative ballot.
- *An indicative ballot is a way for the union to understand what the majority of members think about an issue and if you feel strongly enough to take industrial action.*
- We will be balloting all teachers in state schools and sixth form colleges.
- *The indicative ballot opens on 15th November and runs until early January 2019.*
- All eligible members will receive either an email or a letter in the post with instructions on how to vote.
- *There are four questions about our campaign, finishing by asking if you would be willing to take strike action.*

Five reasons to vote YES

Because we cannot allow:

- the government to continue ignoring the facts
- school cuts to damage children’s education any longer
- SEND, Early Years and post-16 funding to be cut any further
- cuts to jobs and resources to impact on teacher workload
- the government to ignore the recommendations of the independent School Teacher Review Body

- We want every teacher in all state-funded schools and sixth form colleges to participate and make this ballot a successful step in our campaign.

Find out more at <https://neu.org.uk/ballotenquiries>

Are we doing anything else?

As well as conducting this ballot the NEU will continue to work with other unions and parents groups to build support for our campaign.

In half-term we handed in a petition of over 34,000 signatures on SEND funding. In many local areas there have been well-attended public meetings and rallies.

This part of the campaign will continue and we are confident that if we do take strike action it will be well supported by parents. **All members can play a part in this campaign so please look out for details.**

WHAT ABOUT OUR PAY?

- Pay is an important part of our campaign and ballot
- We are highlighting the fact that, for the first time in 27 years, the government ignored the STRB
- The STRB said that **all** teachers should get an increase of 3.5%.
- They said this because there are serious problems in recruitment and retention of teachers
- The government ignored this, awarding 3.5% to mainscale teachers, 2% to UPS teachers and 1.5% to teachers on Leadership Spine – most teachers will not get 3.5%
- This is unfair and we are calling for full funding and implementation of the STRB Report

NEU Elections for National Executive Members

If you are a serving teacher you will be receiving ballot papers to elect the first National Executive members of the NEU and Sheena is standing as our candidate. She has been a very active Divisional Secretary and has made a real difference both locally and nationally in campaigns from pay, to funding, to workload. You should receive a leaflet from us outlining why we think Sheena is the best candidate for the role.

Please make sure you use your vote.

The ballot runs from 12th November to 3rd December

For more information www.nottinghamcitynut.org

https://www.facebook.com/Sheena-Wheatley-For-National-Executive-1684130751874213/?ref=py_c

The poster features a purple top section with the NEU logo and the text 'National Executive elections 2019-21'. Below this is a yellow section with a portrait of Sheena Wheatley and the large text 'Vote Sheena Wheatley #1'. The bottom section is green and contains the text 'Nominated by : Chesterfield & East Derbyshire; City of Derby; City of Leicester; Lincolnshire; Nottingham City; and Southern Derbyshire' and 'Please also vote for Ken Rustidge #2 Jenny Day #3'.

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