



Education Partnership

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On 30 September 2015, the States of Jersey and the NASUWT, the largest teachers' union in Jersey, signed a ground-breaking social partnership agreement.

The aim of the Education Partnership created by the agreement is to establish a new and positive way of working to continue to deliver the high-quality education to which every child and young person in Jersey is entitled.

At the heart of the Education Partnership is a recognition that the school workforce is central to securing high standards of progress and achievement across the education system.

The States and the NASUWT are clear that good working conditions for teachers and the provision of meaningful and engaging educational experiences for children and young people are not mutually exclusive goals. The signatories to the agreement believe that securing improvements in the working lives of teachers is an important means of influencing the quality of learning in classrooms.

This is the first in a series of information and guidance notes from the Education Partnership. These notes will provide information on the work of the Partnership, as well as updates on progress towards its aims and objectives.

The States and the NASUWT have agreed that in the initial stages of the Partnership, full meetings of partners will be held at least once every half term, while focused work on specific activities and projects will take place between these meetings.

The first three meetings of the Education Partnership took place in January, March and May 2015. At these meetings, the States and the NASUWT began work to develop a strategic activity plan.

An early objective identified by the Partners was to gather robust and comprehensive evidence on the challenges faced currently by the teaching workforce and the barriers it encounters in seeking to focus on its core responsibilities for teaching and leading teaching and learning.

To this end, the Partners are developing a comprehensive teaching workforce survey to gather evidence to inform the future work of the Partnership. It is anticipated that this survey will be released before the end of the summer term. Further details will be published shortly.