

CONFERENCE EXTRA

News from the NASUWT Annual Conference 2018

Welcome from the General Secretary

I warmly welcome representatives to this year's Annual Conference in Birmingham. Conference is always a great opportunity for members from across the Union to come together to celebrate our successes, reflect on the past and plan for the future.

Once again, this year's Conference takes place at a challenging time for the teaching profession and our public education service.

Throughout the year, NASUWT members have shown amazing courage, fortitude and determination to defend the pay and conditions of teachers which are inextricably linked to the provision of high-quality education.

Maintaining a world-class education system, defending our great public services and doing the best for children and young people has been and always will be at the forefront of everything for which teachers strive.

Conference allows us the opportunity to set out our agenda and priorities on behalf of teachers, headteachers, children and young people in the pragmatic and responsible manner that is the hallmark of the NASUWT.

I wish you a great 2018 Conference.

Chris Keates



Welcome to Annual Conference!

The NASUWT would like to offer a big welcome to everyone attending Annual Conference 2018 at the ICC in Birmingham.

To follow Twitter discussions, please use the hashtag [#nasuwt18](https://twitter.com/nasuwt18) or go to the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nasuwt.

NASUWT Conference Stands

- Conference Bag Collection/Registration Queries – Foyer
- National Stand – Hall 3
- Promotional Items – Hall 3
- Local Media – Foyer
- Speakers' Photographs – Foyer
- Information Desk – Foyer
- Treasurers' Surgery – Hall 3

Today at Conference

2.00pm to 3.00pm

Private Session for members only in Hall 1, ICC

3.00pm to 4.00pm

Official Opening of Conference in Hall 1, ICC
President's Address

4.15pm to 5.00pm

Join the NASUWT President at the Conference Exhibition in Hall 3, ICC

8.15pm to 9.00pm

Address by General Secretary in Hall 1, ICC
(private meeting for members only)

INSIDE your Conference Extra:

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Meet the President



Dan McCarthy takes up the chains of office as the 2018 President of the NASUWT when Conference opens.

Dan, an English teacher, has taught in some of London's most challenging schools. Dan is hearing impaired, but said his election to President shows that his disability has not held him back from the Union's highest elected office.

Dan attended his first Annual Conference in 2007 and he became a Member of the

National Executive in 2011, after having been a School and a Health and Safety Representative, as well as serving as an NASUWT trainer.

Dan learnt to overcome adversity in his youth. When he was a child, his aunt took him to the library and thus began a lifelong love of books and the English language. But, because he grew up in a family where all the men were boxers and his father didn't encourage reading, he would secretly read in his bedroom, devouring Shakespeare from age 11.

He went on to grammar school and became a Latin scholar, but again he was forced to leave and enrol on a building studies course. It wasn't until he became involved in amateur dramatics with the Tavistock Repertory Company that he convinced himself to sign up for teacher training.

Speaking of his deafness, Dan said: "Being deaf is isolating and it has at times caused severe depression, but my message to people is not to let anything hold you back in life or get in the way of what you wish to achieve."

As for the year ahead, Dan understands the issues facing many teachers across the UK and will champion their cause: "Teachers are the bedrock of all that society is based on. If at the end of my presidential year, I feel I have been able to make a difference, I will be happy."

Opening of Exhibition

The Conference Exhibition sees a range of NASUWT partners showcasing products and services that will benefit you as a teacher. Here are just a few:

Thompsons Solicitors



Thompsons is proud to offer free, specialist legal advice to members of the NASUWT. As an NASUWT member using the free union legal service from Thompsons, you will keep 100% of your compensation – whatever the injury, however complex your claim. Unlike high street law firms, we will only ever act for the injured or mistreated party – never for employers and never for insurance companies – and bring the full weight of our education-sector experience to your cause.

UIA Insurance Limited



UIA is an NASUWT-approved provider of home, motor, travel and pet insurance and this year's proud sponsor of the NASUWT's Young Activist of the Year award.

As a mutual company, UIA offers competitively priced, quality insurance supported by service excellence. Visit the UIA stand for more information about what makes us different and the benefits we offer to NASUWT members and their families.

Wesleyan for Teachers



Wesleyan for Teachers offer a bespoke financial planning service to teaching professionals. Our Financial Consultants are trained to understand the career paths and financial needs of teachers. We can provide advice on a whole range of financial products and services, and have a full understanding of the Teachers' Pension Scheme. We are approved by the NASUWT and have helped thousands of education professionals to plan for their financial future.

We offer no-obligation personal financial reviews, as well as organise school seminars to talk about the financial options available to you and to answer your questions.

Check out your Exhibition Guide for more information.

Tweet Talk #NASUWT18

NASUWT Everything you need to know about Annual Conference 2018 is available at www.nasuwt.org.uk/AnnualConference2018 #NASUWT18

A full guide of all the exhibitors can be found in your Exhibition Guide.

The Exhibition can be found in Hall 3 of the ICC.



NASUWT arts & minds comes to Birmingham

In the Exhibition Hall you can view the winning artwork and creative writing from last year's NASUWT **arts & minds** competition and pick up postcards of winning artwork.

Entries are now open for the 2018 **arts & minds** competition.

arts & minds is a schools-based competition, organised by the NASUWT, that challenges children and young people to use art and creative writing to explore themes of diversity, race, equality and identity and tackle racism in schools.

TV presenter Gok Wan will again be choosing the overall winner.

Pupils and young people from your school can enter the 2018 competition by visiting www.nasuwt.org.uk/artsandminds.

Pupil Categories:

Primary: up to the age of 11;

Secondary: up to the age of 16;

Special: designated special school or unit.

Prizes include:

- £1,000 for the overall winning school;
- £350 for all winning schools;
- gift vouchers worth up to £100 for winning pupil/s.



The closing date for entries is 10 July 2018.

NASUWT Benefits and Services

Visit the Benefits and Services stand in the Exhibition Hall to find out about the wide range of discounts and exclusive offers relevant to your home, car, eating out, leisure activities, retail gift cards, holidays and travel.

If you use only a small proportion of these genuine offers, they can easily cover the cost of your annual NASUWT subscriptions and help you make further savings.



Conference Extra

Conference Extra is published each day at Conference and summarises the main events, debates and speeches. Look out for *Conference Extra* every morning as you enter the Conference Hall.

Welcome to Birmingham



The NASUWT welcomes all Conference Representatives to the ICC, Birmingham. The ICC boasts an array of world-class facilities that will make your Conference experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Our full programme of fringes and seminars begins tomorrow, at lunchtime and in the evening, where you can hear from expert speakers and NASUWT officials, as well as debate and share experiences with other Conference Representatives. For further details, please see your Conference Guide.

Some of the highlights over the weekend are the Young Activist of the Year Award, the Recruitment Awards, the Health and Safety Award, and the International Solidarity Award.

Members of staff from the ICC and the NASUWT will be happy to help you if you require any assistance during your stay at Conference.

Food bank



Once again, the NASUWT will be holding a food bank in the Exhibition area. The Union has teamed up with local food bank provider Trussell Trust to support vulnerable families in the Birmingham area.

A total of 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK. Food banks are widening their support beyond food to help people in crisis break the cycle of poverty. Any support we can provide to enable them to continue the vital service they provide is welcome.

We welcome all donations, but this year we are seeking to focus your support around the following types of items:

- toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wipes, sanitary towels and tampons;
- household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing-up liquid;
- baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Don't worry if you are unable to bring an item with you as we are setting up a virtual food bank in the Exhibition area, where you can select and pay for an item you wish to donate and the Union will make arrangements for it to be delivered to local food banks after Conference. Do come and visit us in the Exhibition Hall and all will be explained!

As always, we are enormously grateful for your kind donations.

Saturday at Conference

9.00am-12.30pm

Annual Report of the National Executive

Motion: Teachers' Mental Health and Wellbeing

Fraternal Address: David Edwards, Education International

2(c) Motion: Wales

12.30pm-2.00pm **Fringe Meetings**

Special Educational Needs – have the recent reforms helped or hindered?

The future of childhood – what will it be like to grow up in the 2020s?

CPD Seminar: Tackling Islamophobia and other forms of prejudice – a resource to support teachers.

Activist workshop: What's happening with teachers' pensions?

2.00pm-5.30pm

Motion: Public Sector Pay Gap

Fraternal Address: Frances O'Grady, TUC

YOUNG ACTIVIST AWARD

2(c) Motion: Scotland

5.30pm-6.30pm **Fringe Meetings**

The future of teaching – what will schools look like in the 2020s?

Asbestos in schools – the hidden killer

CPD Seminar: Marking – what does the evidence tell us?

Activist workshop: Supporting overseas trained teachers – what can the NASUWT do to support overseas teachers in the current political climate?