

ADVICE FOR NASUWT MEMBERS

GTC for Northern Ireland elections

The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (GTCNI) is holding elections for the 14 seats available for elected teachers to serve on the Council for the period 2019 to 2023. As a teacher who is registered with the GTCNI, you will receive a ballot paper and candidate information on or around 24 September. The poll will close on 11 October, so it is extremely important that you cast your vote before this date.

Teachers elected to serve on the Council will join 33 other members on the decision-making body. The election of teachers to the Council will contribute significantly to the future work of the GTCNI, how it operates and the future level of the fee payable by teachers.

Why you should vote

The NASUWT recognises that many members may be sceptical about the GTCNI. However, the existence of the GTCNI requires that the NASUWT has as strong a voice as possible on the Council to ensure that the concerns of NASUWT members are addressed fully in its work. Without the votes of NASUWT members, it may not be possible for the Union to influence the work of the GTCNI in the way that members consider necessary.

NASUWT Representatives on the GTCNI

The NASUWT has endorsed six members as candidates for the Council of the GTCNI. Three candidates are seeking election in the primary school section and three are seeking election in the secondary school section.

If elected, each NASUWT-supported candidate will work to:

- focus the work of the GTCNI on the proper and fair exercise of its responsibilities for registration and regulation to enhance the professional status of teachers;
- ensure the GTCNI has no involvement in the pay and conditions of service of teachers;
- maintain a clear distinction between the role of the GTCNI and teacher trade unions;
- limit the operating costs of the GTCNI for the benefit of registered teachers and work to ensure the GTCNI registration fee is set at the lowest possible level.

How to vote

To cast your vote in the elections under the Single Transferable Vote System, you will need to complete your voting paper by placing the candidates into the preferred order using the figures '1', '2', '3', etc. The figure represents the vote and is necessary if the vote is to be valid. Crosses are not acceptable. A number may be used only once.

There is no requirement to express a preference up to the total number of places in the election category in which you are eligible to vote. You are, therefore, strongly advised to limit your vote for candidates supported by the NASUWT and as recommended in this advice.

It is recommended that members vote for the following candidates:

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

David Baxter
Clive Bowles
Denver Charles

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Delma Boggs
Shaunagh Lambe
Catriona Mullan

**SUPPORT THESE CANDIDATES.
YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE USE IT.**

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