



Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) letter regarding the employment of supply teachers

Following a prolonged campaign and concerns raised by the NASUWT, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) has now produced a letter clarifying the situation regarding the use of supply teachers.

The NASUWT had provided evidence that some Welsh local authorities were preventing supply teachers from working in schools because of the incorrect assertion that only those supply teachers working through the 'preferred' provider (New Directions) could be engaged in schools.

The WLGA has now issued advice and guidance for local authorities in Wales to make it clear that the 'preferred' provider is not the exclusive provider of supply teachers and that schools are free to engage qualified supply teachers from wherever they feel is appropriate, including through direct employment.

For full details of the letter issued by the WLGA, go to <https://www.nasuwt.org.uk/advice/supply-teacher.html> and follow the link to supply teachers in Wales.

Following the issue of the WLGA letter, the NASUWT would be interested to hear from supply teachers where a local authority still refuses to employ them unless working through the 'preferred' bidder.

The NASUWT still favours local authorities organising supply pools and schools directly employing teachers to give full pay and pension rights, and continues to look to the Government, local authorities and education consortia to protect supply teachers fully.



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