

NASUWT Northern Ireland Substitute Teacher Survey 2019

The NASUWT has published the results of its 2019 survey of substitute teachers in Northern Ireland.

The survey shines a light on the experiences of substitute teachers and the importance of the work they do with children and young people, including how they are treated by local authorities and schools when undertaking an assignment.

Substitute teachers make a vital contribution to securing high educational standards for all children and young people. Despite this, the 2019 survey showed that well over two fifths (45%) of substitute teachers reported that they do not feel that they are treated with respect and dignity.

For example, a third (33%) of substitute teachers stated that they do not always have access to food and drink facilities, and almost a quarter (24%) reported that they are rarely made to feel welcome by the pupils where they undertake assignments.

Just under a third (32%) of substitute teachers reported that there had been a decline in the work available to them in the last 12 months and this has impacted on pay with 45% of substitute teachers reporting that they had to claim Jobseeker's Allowance since becoming a substitute teacher, and just over one in ten (11%) reporting that they have had to claim other state benefits.

Key findings from the latest survey can be downloaded from the substitute teachers section of the website at: <https://www.nasuwt.org.uk/advice/northern-ireland.html>.

Supply Teachers' Seminar and Consultation Forum

The next Supply Teacher Consultation Forum is taking place on 13 March, followed by the Supply Teachers' Seminar on March 14, at Warwick Conferences, the University of Warwick.

The seminar provides a number of Career Long Professional Learning workshops, as well as providing an opportunity to network with other substitute teachers.

For further details, contact the conference and events team at: conferencesandevents@mail.nasuwt.org.uk.



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