

Education Partnership

The Education Partnership page on the States of Jersey website is now live and can be accessed at www.gov.je/educationpartnership. All current notes together with minutes of meetings and other relevant documents can be found on the webpage.

The second anniversary of the Education Partnership was marked with a meeting between the Education Minister and the NASUWT National President on 20 January 2017. The Education Partnership represents an important commitment to improving the working conditions of teachers as a basis for securing continued improvements in education standards.

With the Education Partnership making significant progress towards addressing the concerns that members have raised, it is unfortunate that other unions continue to refuse to engage. The Partnership remains open to all unions wishing to sign up to the principles of partnership working. It is unfortunate that other unions continue to seek to undermine the work that is being undertaken by the Partnership rather than engaging constructively to benefit their members, the teaching profession and the education service.

Pay

The NASUWT is finalising the pay submission for the 2017 award, which will be shared with members as soon as it is published.

In the interests of clarity, and contrary to what some parties have claimed, the NASUWT did not agree the 2015/16 award and has done more than any other union in respect of campaigning for an acceptable uplift for teachers and lecturers. This includes organising the march and rally in 2015 which resulted in the four-year pay freeze being overturned.

Workforce Modernisation Programme

As stated in previous bulletins, the NASUWT has taken a full role in these negotiations, and has been the **only** teachers' union to do so. The NASUWT's input into these talks was instrumental in securing the extra £7million that has now been pumped into the scheme by the States Employment Board, which will benefit all States employees, teachers and lecturers included.

Members will be updated as soon as any information is available. However, this is not likely to be until much later in the year.

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Mental Health Awareness

The NASUWT is offering a Mental Health Awareness twilight session on 29 March from 5-7pm, at the Academy Restaurant at Highlands College.

This session will be run by a qualified mental health first-aider and is free to all NASUWT members.

This will be a popular session and places are limited – members can book a place by emailing conferencesandevents@mail.nasuwt.org.uk.

Facebook Group

A new Facebook group has been set up for NASUWT members in Jersey. It is called 'Jersey NASUWT' and can be found by searching on the Facebook site. As a closed group, posts are only visible to other NASUWT members.

The group will be used for communication purposes but also for any general enquiries members may have.

Annual General Meeting

The Jersey NASUWT AGM will be held at the Academy Restaurant at Highlands College at 6pm on 22 March 2017. Justin Donovan, Chief Officer of Education, will be speaking on developments for Education in Jersey and David Berry, Professional Partner for Education, will be speaking about the Framework Review Process.

All members are urged to attend, and refreshments will be provided as usual.

Assistance for Members

Members encountering any difficulties at work, or having any employment-related questions, can access advice and assistance by contacting the NASUWT Regional Centre by telephone on 01483 226130 or via email to rc-southeast@mail.nasuwt.org.uk. The NASUWT has a proven track-record of supporting members in casework both in Jersey and across the UK and will always ensure that members benefit from timely, expert and robust representation.

