



Nominate Tracy McGuire for National Executive Sector Seat: Support staff

I am asking for your nomination to re-elect me for the position of Support Staff Representative on the National Executive. Nominations are now open and must be submitted by March 8th. If you have a meeting before then, please put this on the agenda and consider nominating me for the Executive seat.

I have been an Education worker in Darlington Primary Schools for 10 years, and an active union member for all that time. I am currently the rep in my school, as well as the District Secretary for Darlington NEU.

I was elected as the National Support Staff Sector Representative in December 2019. During that time, I am proud to say that support staff membership has nearly doubled in size to 50,000 members, and many of our support staff members have become reps and are active in their workplace.

I have championed the issues facing support staff throughout the pandemic and hosted and spoken at National NEU Zoom meetings. I chaired the Support Staff National Conference 2020, and currently chair the Support Staff National Council. In addition to this, I have spoken at district, regional and equality zoom meetings up and down the country.



My main priority as representative of support staff is to continue to ensure that we are treated equally in our union. This means the NEU fighting for the right to represent and negotiate on behalf of our support staff members at every level. I want to ensure that there are support staff reps in every school, that support staff are a confident and vocal part of every District meeting and that support staff issues are central to everything the union does.

I want to see a campaign for national pay arrangements for all support staff, determined by collective bargaining with trade unions. This must include a call for a living wage for all our members.

Due to austerity, education funding will continue to face cuts. Support Staff members are often on the receiving end of these cuts in terms of job losses and heavier workloads. The NEU must organise a campaign on this. I am currently leading the campaign against a restructure in my school.

Our Support Staff members need a clear, strong voice on the Executive, and I believe that I am delivering that.

Please consider nominating me at your next OGM, I am also more than happy to speak at your meetings.

**In solidarity,
Tracy McGuire
Darlington NEU
National Support Staff Sector
Representative.**