

Nominate Paramjeet Singh Bhogal - X

NEU Vice President

Membership No.N0351909



To District Secretaries

Dear colleagues,

Nominate me for the post of the Vice Presidents from your district. I have been an active member of our union since starting my career as a classroom teacher, community education worker, equality education officer, advisory teacher, EAL team manager and now a full-time educational psychologist. I bring a wealth of educational experiences and union activism which I will use for the post of Vice and then President of **our union**.

I am standing to **represent the voices and concerns of all our members** from schools and settings, including support and supply staff, teachers, educational psychologists, advisors and SLT. We live in challenging times (not least the ongoing impact of Covid 19) where our **pay & conditions, workload, Ofsted Inspections, safety** and our **professional autonomy** to educate children with a relevant anti-racist curriculum require action. I want our union to campaign to put educators at the heart of exams and continuous assessments.

Equality has always been my driving force as an educator and union activism. As a member of the National Executive, Member Defence and Equalities committees, Black OF and various positions at the District and Regional levels (President, Equality and International Solidarity, planning and delivering training) I sought to make our union a leading force on equalities. We need forums in which Reps, Groups and members can play an active part in the work of the union and our union to support members in times of need e.g., taking test cases to employment tribunals. I will work to ensure equality is at the heart of our union for all our members.

In the pandemic I **contributed to national, regional and other events** to deliver training and support to our members. I **supported victimised reps** by travelling to strike actions and speaking on picket lines.

My priorities as Vice President for our union to:

- Fight to **protect our pay and conditions**
- **Support all our members at all levels** e.g., taking test cases to ETs
- Fight to **protect workload and safety**
- Demand for **better funding across education**, especially **SEND** & thus help children to reach their educational potential
- Campaign for **teacher led assessments & stop the testing & exams & boycott SATs**
- **Supports members to become Reps & help build stronger union groups** with a voice
- Seek a **relevant anti-racist curriculum for an inclusive education system**
- Put **equality at the heart of our union**

Our union needs a clear plan to support our members and our campaigns. I believe as Vice President I have the skills, experiences and drive to work with others in order to provide collaborative leadership with commitment, honesty, integrity and drive in order to protect and safeguard our members concerns.

Nominate Paramjeet S Bhogal to work with you in order that our union puts members issues and concerns at the heart of our campaigns and strategy to create a better education system for all.

Peace and solidarity

Paramjeet Singh Bhogal, Newcastle upon Tyne

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- Union member since starting my education career
- Teacher, Advisory Teacher, EAL Team Leader, currently full time Educational Psychologist
- Active member at branch, district and regional level
- Past Local Association President, Equality and International Solidarity Officer
- Have supported national & local union campaigns
- Workplace Rep NEU) and Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP)

Union involvement:

- Member of the Race and SEN Advisory Committees (NUT)
- Member of the National Organizing Forum for Black Educators
- Black Educators Conference Steering Group – organizing conference & ran workshops
- Attended and spoken at Annual Conferences
- Represented NEU at TUC Black Workers' Conference and spoken on motions
- Represented the union in the media contributions
- Contributed to NEU guidelines and publications e.g., Domestic Violence and Anti-Racist Education
- Regional Equalities Forum
- Northern TUC Executive Member
- Rep for the Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP)
- Public speaking experience at rallies and demonstrations
- Former National Executive Member
- Former Executive Equalities Committee Member
- Former National Executive Member on union's Trust Fund Trustee
- Joint district International Solidarity Officer
- Planned and delivered national and regional zoom events for members
- Taken motions (e.g., Exam U-Turns, PHSE, Palestine, Indian Farmers) to Executive
- Regional Council Member/Delegate
- Undertaken casework
- Active member of the regional Stand Up To Racism (SUTR-NE)