

Kirklees NEU District & Branch OGM 5pm – 6.30 (refreshments available from 4.30) @

**BRIAR COURT HOTEL** HD3 3NT & Zoom

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

# AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>
District Branch	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>
	Minutes & Matters Arising
<b>3.</b>	<b>Guest Speakers / Discussion</b>
	<b>Issues facing Supply Members – Stop the Agency Rip Off Campaign</b>
	<a href="#">Stop the agency rip off   National Education Union</a>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters for Decision</b> (e.g., Conference motions, Nominations etc)
4a	<b>National Officer Nominations</b> The District can nominate for the following posts – The colleagues listed have requested nominations  <b>Vice President x2</b> Paula Burgin, Joe Flynn, Sue Kent, Sam McKinde, Emma Farthing  <b>Membership &amp; Equalities Office</b> Mairead Cavanan, Louise Lewis  <b>Treasurer</b> Hazel Danson
4b	<b>Election of Conference Delegates</b> Special Conference Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Kirklees to elect up to 12 delegates Candidates can self-nominate at the meeting or by email in advance of the meeting  <i>(Nb There will be a separate election for 12 delegates for Annual Conference Brighton Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 will take place at the 22<sup>nd</sup> January OGM)</i>
4c	<b>Motions for Annual Conference</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>General Motions</b> (Must be submitted 10 days in advance of the meeting)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Funding Requests/Donations</b> (Must be submitted 10 days in advance of the meeting)
	British Rohingya Community UK Donation – Cox’s Bazar Joint NEU Education Project - suggestion of £250 Hurricane Melissa UNICEF Disaster Appeal - suggestion of £250
<b>7.</b>	<b>Reports</b>
	a. District & Branch Secretary’s Report

	b. Finance Report c. Membership Report d. Executive Report e. Other reports including TUC			
<b>8.</b>	<b>Kirklees NEU Branch Business</b> ( <i>Only Branch members can take part in any decisions</i> )			
<b>9.</b>	<b>AOB/ Future agenda items:</b>			
9.1	Huddersfield TUC I have a request for support for a memorial in the town for six local men who fought in the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s. Support would mean a donation and also the district's endorsement for this project			
9.2	Huddersfield Unite Community is campaigning against the government's cuts to disability benefits. This is in line with the policy voted on at the recent TUC conference. They are asking local union branches to support the campaign support for this campaign & support the next protest on 26th November outside the meeting of Huddersfield Labour Party whose MP has voted for cuts to disability benefits.			
<b>Future Meetings</b>				
OGM	Thursday	22nd Jan 26	5pm venue TBC	PRIORITISATION, conference committee / Bargaining Accountability & Performance management, Annual Conference Delegates
OGM	Tuesday	24th Feb 26	5pm venue TBC	AMENDMENTS, Issues facing Support Staff Members
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	14th May 26	<b>5pm venue TBC</b>	AGM business, Branch & District Election results / Bargaining Workload
OGM	Tuesday	30th June 26	5pm venue TBC	
<b>Items of Information: Local District and Branch Elections</b>				
<p><b>District Elections:</b> The AGM will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The AGM Notice and call for District nominations will be sent out no later than 14<sup>th</sup> March. District Nominations will close at 12pm on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Where elections are required, the elections will be run electronically, no paper ballots will be distributed, the Regional Office will act on behalf of the returning officer. District Nominations close 16<sup>th</sup> April, District Ballot Opens no later than 24<sup>th</sup> April, District Ballot Closes 11<sup>th</sup> May. Elections will be run electronically, no paper ballots will be distributed, the Regional Office will act on behalf of the returning officer. Results will be declared at the AGM and post-holders take up office at the AGM</p> <p><b>Branch Elections.</b> Elections must be held annually in the Spring Term. Branch Nominations will close at 12pm on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Where elections are required, the elections will be run electronically, no paper ballots will be distributed, the Regional Office will act on behalf of the returning officer. Branch Ballot Opens wk Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Closes before 27<sup>th</sup> March. Results will be declared at the AGM and post-holders take up office on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.</p>				
<b>National Events &amp; Conferences – See website for more details – For Information</b>				
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>		<b>SPRING TERM</b>		<b>SUMMER TERM</b>
Independent 22 Nov HH £50 Health & Safety 26-28 Nov Manchester		LGBT+ 7-8 Feb 2026 B'ham £100 Leadership 7 March TBC £0 <b>Special Conference</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> February London</b> <b>Annual Conference</b> <b>30 March – 2 April Brighton</b>		DBS 3 12-13 May Leeds £0 Disabled Members 23-24 B'ham £100 Supply 30-31 May TBC £75 NPYW 27-28 June Leeds £100 Retired 8 July London £50

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## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 : MINUTES**

<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>			
<b>Quorum 16</b> District 16 Branch 12	Louise Lewis Ange Chubb Hazel Danson Andrew White Gill Goodswen (D) Richard Goodswen (D) Saleh Rahman Gill Collins (D) Richard Woffenden	Cormac Kelly (D) <b>Online</b> Lucinda Pang Claire Woffenden Paul Yates Tina Newsome Rukaya Allison Rukhsana Maqsud	<b>Apologies</b> Hassan Rezai (D) David Fairclough Allison Whiteley (D) Duane Laverick Rachel Gregg
<b>2. Minutes of last meeting</b>			
Louise Lewis Chaired the meeting Minutes Agreed Matters Arising - Lobby of MPs – Louise Lewis offered to help organise this Richard Woffenden asked about NEU representation on SACRE and expressed an interest in attending on behalf of the NEU.			
<b>3. Guest Speakers / Discussion</b>			
3a	<b>Junior Vice President Nominations</b> Nomination requests from 3 candidates were circulated. It was proposed (HD) and seconded (GG) to nominate Debra Beale. This was carried unanimously.		
3b	<b>Black History Month – Celebrating Black History Month ideas from Kirklees Schools</b> Colleagues reported on the good work they are doing around Black History Month and about embedding the work as part of the curriculum throughout the year. It was agreed that the Union's materials and Materials produced by Kirklees TV would be circulated to schools		
3c	<b>Bargaining Toolkit – Pay – Find out how reps can negotiate on Pay</b> <a href="#">NEU4043 Pay bargaining toolkit-WEB v1.pdf</a>		
<b>4. Matters for Decision (e.g., Conference motions, Nominations etc)</b>			
4a	Nominations for Junior Vice President – see above		
<b>5. General Motions (Must be submitted 10 days in advance of the meeting)</b>			
<b>Trans Rights are Human Rights – Resist the Supreme Court Ruling and Discriminatory EHRC Interim Guidance</b> Proposed Gill Goodswen & Seconded Hazel Danson The motion was largely carried with 3 abstentions			
<b>6. Funding Requests/Donations (Must be submitted 10 days in advance of the meeting)</b>			
Members joining online were unable to hear and the meeting became inquorate due to technical issues. The committee was asked to reconsider the funding requests for the next meeting. Significant concerns were raised around the work of PACE (People's Alliance for Change and Equality) in terms of them advocating things that were outside the aims and objects of the Union British Rohingya Community UK deferred to next meeting			
<b>7. Reports</b>			
District Secretaries, Treasurers report and membership report were tabled at the meeting			
<b>8. Kirklees NEU Branch Business (Only Branch members can take part in any decisions)</b>			
Branch Secretaries Report received			
<b>9. AOB/ Future agenda items:</b>			