



# General Meeting

## Hackney District of the NEU



Tackling homophobia; Defending LGBT+ rights

# Why we need SRE in schools

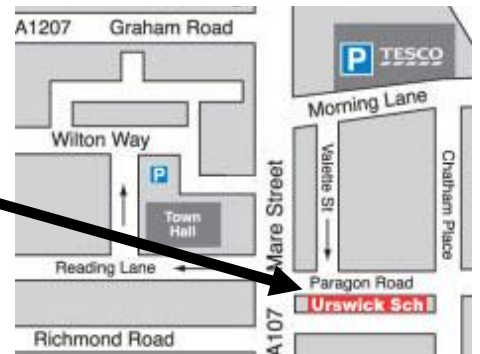
**Louise Regan** National Officer for Membership & Equalities of the National Education Union will address the meeting on the situation in Anderton Park Primary School in Birmingham and the importance of SRE in schools.



## Monday 24th June @ 5pm

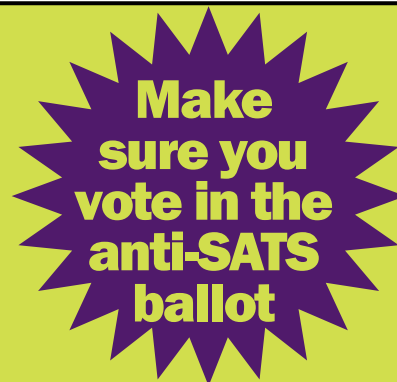
**The Urswick School**  
**Paragon Road**  
**E9 6NR**

Crèche available/ childcare expenses paid  
 Cab fares will be paid



### General meeting Agenda

1. Request for Suspensions
2. Minutes from previous General Meeting
3. Matters arising (10 minutes)
4. Fixed business (see above)
5. Secretary's and Officers report
6. Motions
- 7 Correspondence
- 8 AOB



## Motion

### **LGBT+ Inclusive Education**

Hackney District notes:

over 115,000 people have signed a parliamentary petition to Government opposing changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in schools, including LGBT+ content;

parents have opposed the inclusion of LGBT+ rights as part of the equality programme “No Outsiders” at Parkfield school in Birmingham;

the Conservative Leader of the House of Commons, Andrea Leadsom, has said that parents should decide when their children are “exposed” to LGBT+ relationships in RSE lessons and that parents should have a veto over what is taught.

Hackney District believes:

all children are entitled to high quality, age-appropriate and rights-based RSE that is inclusive of LGBT+ relationships;

the Union should oppose any attempts to go back to the days of Section 28 that banned councils from “promoting the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship”;

it is important for schools to have a clear dialogue with parents about the necessity of inclusive education;

we should reject any attempts to use this issue to increase Islamophobia or to link RSE to de-radicalisation, the prevent programme or British Values;

that reporting of this in the mainstream press has focused on Muslim parents and has been used to increase an atmosphere of Islamophobia.

Hackney District notes NEU Conference instructed the Executive to:

a. call on the Government to:

(i) strengthen the RSE guidance and make teaching about LGBT+ relationships compulsory at all stages of the curriculum;

(ii) provide additionally funded ring-fenced resources to Local Authorities to enable them to develop a common approach and engage with parents and local communities;

b. challenge the misinformation being circulated about the content of RSE;

c. issue advice to schools to empower them to positively teach an inclusive curriculum and develop a whole school approach to embed equality;

d. work with as many partners as possible to support increasing the scope of RSE in schools, share good practice, and support Regions, Districts and Branches to work with Local Authorities and employers to promote inclusive equality education in all schools; and

e. support members in schools where opposition to inclusive education is raised by parents, including offering advice to engage parents in inclusive education

Hackney District affirms its support for NEU Conference Policy.

Prop: Richard Rieser

Sec: Jane Bassett

## **Minutes of General Meeting of Hackney NEU Monday 20th May**

1. Request for Suspension of standing orders to take motion on Special Education Needs and Disability Emergency. Agreed.
2. Minutes from previous General Meeting. Agreed.
3. Matters arising: none
4. Fixed business. Megan Quinn spoke on the current campaign to scrap SATs.
5. Information from committee meetings (see minutes)
6. Secretary's and Officers report. Report given by Dave Davies
7. Motions

### **Special Education Needs and Disability**

Hackney District of the NEU notes that in addition to the worsening funding and the multiple effects of High Stakes testing, narrowing of the curriculum and increasing use of punitive behaviour management system; that the long-awaited Timpson Report on Exclusions, while demonstrating the developing problem makes few effective recommendations. In addition, today we note the worsening position of children with learning difficulties and autism being increasingly sectioned and segregated far from home in the mental health system, as demonstrated by the Children Commissioner's Report on Vulnerability. In effect they are punished for their impairment. We further note that the majority of evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on SEND on the 2014 Reforms shows the Reforms have failed. In light of the above worsening situation, the Hackney District of the NEU calls on the Executive to:-

- i) To increase the efforts of the Union to ensure a good Funding Settlement from the Treasury for Education Funding and SEND in particular
- ii) Continue the parental and public campaign against SEND cuts after the National Day of Demonstrations on 30th May 2019
- iii) Regularly analyse and inform all members of the Crisis in SEND;
- iv) Support, organise and build for the Day of Action on 4th December 2019 on Disability Equality in Education for disabled staff and students called by UCU and ensure all schools take part.

Carried

### **Delegation for Equalities Conferences**

NEU Hackney reaffirms its commitment to fighting all forms of discrimination.

NEU Hackney agrees to publicise all equalities conferences and through various forms of communication to encourage all members to attend.

NEU Hackney agrees to pay the cost (attendance and travel expenses) of up to 10 delegates per conference.

Carried



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SYSTEM IS BROKEN  
TOGETHER WE CAN  
PUT IT RIGHT**



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