

Haringey NEU Strike newsletter



NEU CALLS NATIONAL STRIKE ON FEBRUARY 1st

We did it!

Massive vote for strike action

NEU members have made history in the Union's ballot for action for a fully-funded pay rise.

In the highest turnout the Union has ever seen, 90% of those voting supported strike action.

The Union ran separate ballots for teachers and support staff in England and Wales. The results were:

- *Wales teachers: 58% turnout – 92% yes vote.*
- *Wales support staff: 51% turnout – 88% yes vote.*
- *England teachers: 53% turnout – 90% yes vote.*
- *England support staff: 46% turnout – 84% yes vote.*

TURNOUT

This means that in all but the last one, we have beaten the government's undemocratic thresholds, which require 50% turnout in strike ballots.

Make no mistake, this rule was introduced to stop unions taking strike action.

These results are a remarkable achievement.

They send a very clear message to the government, and they should be worried.

STRIKE DATES

The NEU has now announced a series of strike dates, in which we are calling on members to strike for four days before the end of spring term:

- **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST:** one-day national strike
- **THURSDAY MARCH 2ND:** one-day regional strike across London

• **WEDNESDAY 15TH AND THURSDAY 16TH**

MARCH: two days of national strike action (including a national demonstration).

We are calling on all members to support these strike dates and to look out for details of campaigning activities in which you can take part.

SUPPORT STAFF

- Unfortunately, the turnout amongst support staff in England was just short of the 50% threshold imposed on us by the government.
- This means that, despite a huge vote for strike action, we cannot call on support staff members in England to strike.
- We will continue to highlight the need for support staff to have a proper pay rise.
- We are looking at ways in which these members can support their colleagues and take part in campaigning activities.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

- ✓ Make sure there is a meeting for NEU members in your school.
- ✓ Look out for details of your local strike planning meeting.
- ✓ Start making banners and placards for demonstrations and pickets.
- ✓ Be ready to hand out leaflets to parents.
- ✓ Make arrangements to meet up on February 1st and join your nearest demonstration.
- ✓ We need February 1st to be a big show of strength with members taking part in a big, noisy, colourful demonstration.