

To District Secretaries  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Colleague,

## National Officer Elections 2022-2024



I am writing to ask you to consider nominating me for *re-election to the post of National Treasurer* in the forthcoming National Officer Elections.

I was elected as National Treasurer in January 2019 and have had a key role in ensuring the NEU is in robust financial health. **As a serving National Officer, I have a clear understanding of the processes we have and the things that need to be improved.** I would like the opportunity to continue to build on the work that has started.

**During my time as Treasurer, I believe I have demonstrated the knowledge, experience and strategic vision** which make me best placed to continue in the role. As Treasurer, I am responsible to the Executive and conference for the overall administration of the Union's finances. I have a thorough understanding of the financial reporting cycle and the budget setting process. I report regularly to the Executive and conference to ensure proper scrutiny and transparency in finance matters including the establishment and implementation of **strong ethical investment and procurement policies.**

Overall, the National Education Union is financially healthy. Our expenditure has not exceeded our income, however, this is largely due to the exceptional times we have encountered since March 2020. We need to continue to **budget carefully to meet the needs of a growing Union.**

I am fully appreciative of **the hard and dedicated work that our local Treasurers.** I have sought to listen to concerns and address them wherever possible. Improving our communication with District Treasures and **providing them with the tools and support they need remains a priority.**

**I firmly believe that the strength of the Union lies in our local activists, districts and branches** and that this is central to developing a strong Union. I know that more still needs to be done in supporting local officers, including the growing demands of their casework. I recognise the urgency of finding resources to defend and support our lay structures in the face of the Government's undermining of local arrangements for bargaining and for release of local officers.

**I am committed to a campaigning union that delivers real improvements for all our members.** I believe that the Union has played a vital role in supporting our members, pupils, and the wider community in keeping them as safe as possible during the pandemic. Our membership has continued to grow and that is because we are a relevant and strong union who is there for our members when they need us. Working in Education should be one of the most rewarding and valued jobs in our society. I am a strong advocate for an **education system that puts trust in all those who work in it, to transform the life chances of our pupils and students.**

**The role of Treasurer is an important part of the Union's democratic structure so please make every effort to nominate me if you believe in what I stand for.** Nominations can be made at a quorate General Meeting if the agenda has included nominations as an item and circulated with at least **14 days' notice of the meeting.** [Full details can be found in the circular here.](#) I would be happy to attend any nomination meetings to meet members and answer questions.

Nominations must be submitted on the nomination form which I have completed with my details. **Please ensure that the declaration on the form is completed.** Nominations can be sent by email to [elections@neu.org.uk](mailto:elections@neu.org.uk) from **1<sup>st</sup> November** until midnight on Sunday **15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

Thank you,  
Hazel Danson  
NEU National Treasurer