



District Meeting

Hackney District NEU



The story of Lesbian and Gays Support the Miners

SOLIDARITY

On the 40th anniversary of the miners strike **Nicola Field** one of the founders of LGSM will tell us the inspiring story of how they built this solidarity movement



Monday 26th February @ 5pm

All education workers who are members of the NEU are welcome

Hackney Church House

1 Lower Clapton Rd E8 1FX

(opp St John at Hackney Church, off the narrowway between Santander and Vicolo)



Childcare expenses will be paid

Agenda

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

**Snacks
will be
provided**

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Minutes for GM 15.01.24

1.No requests for suspensions

2.Minutes from last GM 20.11.23 agreed. No matters arising. RR thanked HNEU for support for DHM

3.Fixed business. Andrew Baisley Head of Research for the NEU updated us on the situation for schools regarding funding.

There were questions and discussion around the impact in schools on present situation regarding funding.

4. Dave reported on school closures and reps briefing to be held next week 22.1.24.

5. Prioritisation of Conference Motions

There was some discussion around the motion on Palestine in particular. It was agreed that some motions (eg the one on SEND) could be amended at a later date.

The meeting agreed the following be prioritised for conference.

Motion1: Value Early Years

Motion 9: SATs; bad for children, time for change

Motion 107: Palestine

Motion 110: Educating for Peace

Motion 83: Workplace representatives

Motion 46: SEND in Crisis

MOTIONS FOR GM 15.01.24

The following motions were discussed

Cuba Solidarity Campaign - affiliation motion

Hackney NEU notes that

2024 marks the 62nd anniversary of the US's illegal blockade of Cuba despite 29 UN General Assembly majority votes calling for its termination.

The US enforces this blockade even to trade from countries that do not support it

The blockade causes shortages across all sectors in Cuba, including education and health.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the blockade added to the suffering and loss of life on the island by preventing purchase and delivery of vital equipment and medicines to treat patients and the roll out Cuba's vaccination programme.

In 2021, Oxfam reported that, during the pandemic, the US blockade slowed the use of new technologies - like zoom or teams - for teaching and forced Cuba to resort to broadcasting daily classes to 1.7 million students on television.

NEU members who have participated in delegations to Cuba all agree that the blockade is the fundamental hindrance to educational development in Cuba and results in noticeable shortages in Cuban classrooms.

Hackney NEU welcomes:

The £100,000 raised for the 'Viva La Educación' appeal which sent two containers of education aid to Cuban schools in 2023.

Hackney NEU agrees

To support the call for an end to the US blockade.

To affiliate to the Cuba Solidarity Campaign at an annual cost of £40

To make a donation to the CSC of £100

Proposed Dave Davies **Seconded** Melina Irvine

Agreed

Care4Calais

Hackney NEU notes:

The fantastic work done by NEU members visiting Calais to support Care4Calais with distributions and warehouse work.

A 79-page report from Human Rights Watch, "Enforced Misery: The Degrading Treatment of Migrant Children and Adults in Northern France," documents repeated mass eviction operations, near-daily police harassment, and restrictions on provision of and access to humanitarian assistance. The authorities carry out these abusive practices with the primary purposes of forcing people to move elsewhere, without resolving their migration status or lack of housing.

Care4Calais are currently distributing 485 food parcels per week at a cost of £15 per parcel. That is a cost of £7275 per week, £29,100 per month and £378,300 per year. This provides a very basic food parcel to each person.

This district/branch agrees to:

1. Invite a NEU speaker who has visited Calais to talk about their experience and how people can get involved.
2. To reaffiliate and donate £100 to C4C
3. To encourage members to take a trip to Calais to support their efforts.
4. To fully fund 100% of costs (£70 hotel, £25 for all meal expenses and £50 for travel) for up to 6 delegates a year. After 6 delegates we will part fund for additional members.
5. Continue to show solidarity with refugees and commit to raising refugee issues in school where possible including holding assemblies, fundraising and exploring becoming schools of sanctuary.
6. Encourage members to become active in local C4C groups.

Proposed Melina Irvine **Seconded** Carly Slingsby

Agreed

There was some discussion particularly around the costs which the treasurer assured the meeting were within our budget.

AOB

Amanda Bentham mentioned the Socialist Education Association and encouraged members to take their manifesto and consider joining.

Motions for General Meeting 26.02.24

HNEU agrees to fund up to 6 delegates to attend the Educators Conference on Palestine on Saturday 23rd March 11-4 at Hamilton House.

