



# District Meeting



## Hackney District NEU

# What next after the ballot?

A **National Executive** member will update us on the next steps for the NEU after our fantastic ballot result.

There will be reports from schools and a discussion on school funding.

We will also be inviting a striking NHS worker to inform us about their dispute and share ideas about building solidarity



# Monday 23rd January @5pm

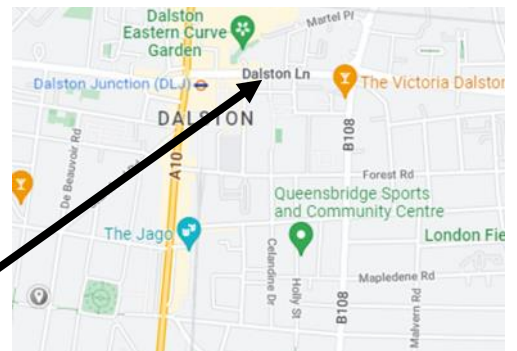
All education workers who are members of the NEU are welcome

## Hackney CVS

The Adiaha Antigha Centre,  
24-30 Dalston Ln, E8 3AZ

**Also on zoom (see below for details)**

Childcare expenses and cab fares will be reimbursed



**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. Prioritisation of Conference motions
6. Nominations for the following London Exec positions: Post 16, Support staff, Disabled members, LGBT+, Black members
7. Motions
8. AOB

**Snacks will be provided**

**Zoom meeting ID: 939 8432 0490**

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Minutes Hackney GM: Monday 14th November 2022

Fixed Business: Disability History Month

Richard Rieser spoke about DHM and about the continuing discrimination disabled people face

Showed part of one of many films which will be on [www.ukdhm.org](http://www.ukdhm.org): Ellen Clifford author of 'War on Disabled People': we will send round link when films live

Launch event Thursday 17th November

Urge schools to take up activities and embed DH in the curriculum

Impact of Covid highlighted the fragility of the rights of disabled people: need to continue to support members with long covid

Minutes of last meeting agreed. No matters arising.

Secretary's Report: pay and funding ballot

Expecting huge attack in budget on Wednesday

Important to re-double our efforts to get ballots posted: reps go round and check, do more systematic phone-banking – evidence it galvanises is clear

Members can use activate to request lost ballot paper: Carly did video

Excellent outcome on 6th form ballot – action will include B6

Conference motions: 6 agreed

Abortion Rights, SEND, Students and Mental Health, Funding, Control of the Curriculum, Organising in the workplace

Motions:

On Child Poverty-passed

Hackney NEU notes:

1. Social inequality is rising and a manifestation of this is growing food insecurity, especially amongst children in our city.

Currently, 2 million Londoners including 400,000 children struggle to access sufficient food. Since Covid, there has been a five-fold increase in poverty across the city. Now with the worst cost of living crisis in 30 years many more people will be pushed into food poverty and insecurity.

Charity food aid, on which increasing numbers of people are dependent, masks a mounting emergency and a lack of resilience in our systems to feed the population in times of crisis (283,563 food parcels were given by food banks in the Trussell Trust Network)

It would cost 4bn to feed every child in the UK. Kwateng's 150 bn tax would feed our children for 35 years.

Hunger is a political choice. Food security is a right.

Hackney NEU resolves to:

Campaign to bring school catering back in house and end the profiteering of companies like Chartwells

Support the NEU campaign for free school meals across the city for all primary children and aim to roll it out to secondary aged children

(b) Aim to set up a community kitchen in a Hackney primary school as a pilot

Support the Right to Food campaign

Campaign for Hackney to provide free school meals for all students

Proposed Sarah Byrne Seconded Dave Davies

Motion on Abortion Rights –passed

Hackney NEU condemns the decision of the unelected and reactionary US Supreme Court to overturn Roe v Wade.

Hackney NEU notes:

The ruling has already led to some states imposing trigger bans on abortion

This is a totally unacceptable attack on all woman's and pregnant people's rights to bodily autonomy.

However, it will hit working class and black women hardest, forcing women back to the backstreets and increasing the risk of harm and death.

The over-turning of Roe v Wade in the US is an attack on us all and is part of a wider offensive against the gains made by women, trans people and the LGBT community and Disabled people, and on Black Lives Matter

Hackney NEU further notes

That the successful campaign for abortion rights in Ireland was built through broad organising at grass-roots level, including among trade unionists.

Hackney NEU resolves to:

Affiliate to Abortion Rights Campaign and to donate £100

Commit to supporting demonstrations and other activities aimed at both offering solidarity to our sisters internationally and defending rights to abortion in this country

Campaign for proper education for our students on their rights to bodily autonomy

Proposed Jane Bassett Seconded Carole Buxton

Motion on Stand Up To Racism Trade Union Conference

Hackney NEU notes:

1. The intensification of the hostile environment, and the scapegoating of refugees and asylum seekers, which is going hand in hand with the assault on working class living standards
2. The official denial of institutional racism in our society, including in the education system
3. The continuing victimisation and criminalisation of young black people, as seen for example in the incidence of Stop and Search, the appalling experience of Child Q and the use of charges of conspiracy and joint enterprise
4. The victory of Meloni and her fascist Brother of Italy and breakthroughs by the Swedish Democrats and Le Pen's National Rally The trade union movement is at the heart of anti-racist and anti-fascist resistance.

Hackney NEU believes we need to fight for anti-racist workplaces and for trade unions to be at the heart of resisting the government's racist offensive, and agrees to:

(a) Donate £200 towards the cost of the Stand Up To Racism 'Fighting for antiracist workplaces' organised with the TUC on Saturday 4 February

(b) Support and pay for five delegates to attend, and to send our District banner

Prop: Des Barrow

Sec: Anna Gluckstein

