



Dear colleagues,

I am writing to seek the nomination of your District in the upcoming Vice President election of the National Education Union.

I have been a National Education Union member, and formerly National Union of Teachers member, my entire teaching career. I am currently a full-time primary school teacher at a primary school in London. For the previous ten years I lived in the north of England where I taught primary children with SEND.

Being an educator is the best job in the world. However after working with some of the most impoverished and vulnerable young people for many years, I have been sickened by the perpetual increase in child poverty through the decade of tory austerity. **The continuous war on children**, where they're subjected to a narrow curriculum, excessive testing and economic neglect must be brought to an end. **Our children deserve a better deal** and I am committed to fighting for that deal.

I have held various positions at District level including Joint Secretary and Assistant Secretary. I have **encouraged and enabled reps to win** significant victories at a local level. However, I am also asking for your support for VP on the basis of my proven track record as a **tireless campaigner at a regional and national level**. I have mobilised tens of thousands of people over the years, not only education issues but also in broader social justice campaigns.

I have also proven that I can organise for the union at a serious political level, for example in organising meetings for our joint General Secretaries with opposition Members of Parliament. I believe that in these uncertain political times we must be applying pressure and making the demands for an education system we want to see at all levels of politics, and believe I am well placed to achieve that.

As Executive member for Black Members in the NEU (and previously NUT), I have shown **commitment to the members who elected me**. I ensured that at this year's Annual Conference these members were heard from the rostrum in all areas of discussion. This year's Black Educators Conference was also the biggest ever, again **mobilising new layers of activists** who can go back in to school and win arguments for our Union and our profession. I will show the same **commitment to our members** if elected as Vice President:

I have the skills to be an excellent and exciting Vice President. I am familiar with chairing meetings, thanks to my role as chair of the Equalities Committee and as past chair of anti-racist coalition Newcastle Unites. I am a confident public speaker and I am familiar, not only with addressing large numbers of people, but also in speaking to the media.

Fundamentally I am committed to members in schools: they should shape our direction, with me as their VP facilitating their ideas and energy.

It would be a great honour to represent our Union at Vice President level.

I have attached my record for your review.

In solidarity,

Daniel Kebede