

PLEASE NOMINATE **ALYSON DERMODY-PALMER** FOR NEU NATIONAL TREASURER.



- Primary Teacher in Camden
- Branch Treasurer of Camden NUT from 1991 – 2015
- Former Camden Branch Secretary
- National Examiner of Accounts for the NUT from 2000 - 2018

I have 30 years' experience in what is now the NEU, as a local officer and through being the NUT's National Examiner of Accounts for 18 years. This role was about scrutinising the decisions of the finance team and Treasurer and involved us working very closely with both, bringing an understanding of the way our Union structures its finances from Local Branch Accounts through to the central budget.

I'm **not an accountant**, I'm a Primary Teacher. I see **the role of National Treasurer** as being a strategic role, exercising **sound political judgement** and **Leadership** to help steer the Union in the right direction.

As a fulltime Co-Head of a Primary PRU in Camden I have **the Leadership experience** to do this and I hope that my political record speaks for itself after my lifelong commitment to this Union.

There is **far too much** high-stakes testing in Primary Schools. I believe we must take a very strong stand against Baseline and the Yr4 Multiplication test now to stop the situation getting worse. I will campaign strongly for the Union to use its resources in fighting Assessment that doesn't help children. The outcome of the coming **General Election** will clearly have a great influence on Terms and Conditions for **all workers** in Education and I will support the Union in campaigning for fair **Pay Rises**, to reverse school funding cuts and to **restore Local Authority Control** of all our schools.

As Examiner for Accounts I was outspoken about our need to have an **Ethical Investment Policy** and to ensure that Staff **terms and conditions** were **matched** to our members. I also spoke about the need to look at the amount of members' money in some Branch Accounts that isn't being used to promote the interests of the members.

These are all areas which I'm pleased to see the National Education Union has taken forward.

The amalgamation of the ATL and the NUT has been a great success and will continue to build on that success in the future. The teething problems at district level have been largely about communication and the resources available to support districts. I will ensure that all **district treasurers** are supported 100% through training and communication and will make sure that adequate resources at head office are available and that treasurers have a **dedicated** support open to them.

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