



NEU National Executive Committee Elections 2021-23

District 6: Bedford, Cambridgeshire, Central Bedfordshire, East Northants, Ipswich and South Suffolk, Luton, Norfolk, North East Suffolk, North Northants, Northampton, Peterborough, South West Northants, West Suffolk

Nominate David Mingay for the National Executive

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Dear Bob & Vicky,



I am writing to you to ask you to consider nominating me to be one of your National Executive members in the forthcoming election. At present I am joint District and Branch Secretary in Luton however I am certainly no stranger to the NEU at higher levels. You may be a member of the Unofficial NEU Facebook group which I have jointly administered for many years, ensuring members are engaged in the Union at all levels. I have been a regular attendee and contributor at Eastern Regional Council and as a legacy NUT member, I attended as a member of the SEN advisory committee. I also a delegate to the TUC LESE Public Services Committee and I am a regular attendee at annual conference.

The Union works best when it is moving forward, embracing new ideas and new technologies and this is certainly something I have embraced. Last year I launched my podcast, The Union Hack, talking to people in the Union about different roles and exactly how they fit in with the structure of the Union. I have covered issues ranging from Supply Teachers, to Black Lives Matter to the Officer Steering Group. It is vital that as a Union we are open and transparent about who we are and what we do, and this is something I would continue with as your representative on the Executive.

As a Union we work best when we are fighting for our members and we are united in that goal. The action we took in encouraging our members to issue Section 44 notices showed just how powerful and effective we can be. We listened to our members and acted at the right time. We must ensure we include all our members in the Union and fight their battles. The plight of Supply Teachers has been highlighted in this pandemic and, as someone who was a Supply Teacher nearly 20 years ago, it horrifies me that the pay has decreased in that time. We must continue to find creative ways to work around the agency model. We have a growing number of Support Staff as members and I fully support moves to ensure that the NEU is a recognised Union for Support Staff so we can properly campaign to increase their poverty wages. We must never forget that we are a Union for all educators.

I believe that the Executive should be accountable to members and I am fully committed to the values of a democratic, lay led Union that represents the collective interests of its members.

I would be more than delighted to come and speak at one of your district meetings in future to discuss my nomination.

In solidarity

David Mingay