## **Niamh Sweeney**

# standing for re-election for in

## District 6

Bedford, Cambridgeshire, Central Bedfordshire, East Northants, Ipswich & South Suffolk, Luton, Norfolk, North East Suffolk, North Northants, Northampton, Peterborough, South West Northants, West Suffolk



## **NEU National Executive Elections 2021—2023**

### **About Me**

I am a full time teacher of Health & Social Care and Criminology at a Cambridge Sixth Form College. I have worked in education for the past 20 years in schools and colleges, as a teacher and as a member of support staff. Before becoming a teacher I worked with young people at in the criminal justice system. I am a passionate advocate for social inclusion and have actively campaigned for social justice, the fight against child poverty, racism and all forms of hate & discrimination.

#### **As Your Executive Member**

I will continue to ensure that the strategic direction of the union reflects the experiences and needs of **all** our diverse membership. Wherever you work, in whatever role in education I will speak up for you. I will:

- Ensure sound governance and oversight of the NEU
- Support members to collectively affect change in their workplaces, Districts and communities
- Support members to actively engage in the democratic processes our Union through training, mentoring and political activism
- Work tirelessly to improve the working conditions of all education professionals
- Ensure that the NEU develops a strategic plan to support the recovery of our education system, including an new model for accountability and assessment.
- Listen to District and Branch Officers and offer support to them in the roles they play in supporting our members in individual and collective issues of School and Nursery safety, workload and health and safety

The NEU has lead the Trade Union and professional response to Covid-19. We must continue to work together to build a better education system for all children and young people, and education professionals.



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### In the NEU

Current Executive member for District 6 and chair of Union Strength strategic

committee

Workplace representative

District Committee member

National President 2017-2018

Eight years prior experience as an Executive member in the Eastern Region

Branch Secretary in the largest single workplace Branch of the Union

District Secretary

TUC General Council member 2014—2017