



# NOMINATE MARTIN POWELL-DAVIES

FOR NEU DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY

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## A DGS WHO WILL WORK WITH YOU TO WIN:

**1. Action to protect the health, safety and welfare of staff, and our communities, from CV-19.**

Co-ordinate ballots for action short of strike action and strike action to win Union demands.

**2. End excessive workload – and end the high stakes testing that drives so much of it.**

Win a National Contract that sets a limit on overall working hours, not just 'directed time'.

**3. A Union that builds the workplace strength that makes sure that we are a force to be reckoned with.**

Launch union-wide training for NEU reps and officers on how to successfully win collectively.

**4. A Union that supports NEU reps and officers to defend members, individually and collectively.**

Improve our strategies for organising, recruiting and training reps, and advising our caseworkers.

**5. No to a pay freeze, no to cuts – fund schools and colleges to fully meet needs.**

Bring the public sector unions together to defend members' incomes, conditions and jobs.

## • A DGS WHO MEASURES UP TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

**Martin Powell-Davies is standing to be NEU Deputy General Secretary** because our Union needs clear and determined leadership if we are going to withstand the serious challenges ahead of us.

**More than any other candidate**, Martin has the local and national experience, skills and campaigning record, that can make us a stronger Union team.

**Years of funding cuts**, pressure from Ofsted/Estyn and 'exam factory' conditions have already taken their toll. Now teachers and support staff face further attacks from a Government hoping to make us pay for their failures.

**Making a stand on safety** has shown that we can succeed when we act decisively. Martin will help us win more gains in future.

**As Deputy General Secretary**, Martin will work to build a Union that has the confidence, strength and organisation to defend the pay, jobs, safety and working conditions of education staff and, in doing so, defends education as well.

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## A DGS WHO WILL WORK WITH YOU TO WIN:

**6. Reverse the privatisation of education, and academisation. Campaign for LA supply pools.**

Return all schools to democratic local control, staffed under nationally agreed pay & conditions.

**7. A union leading the battle against discrimination and inequality in schools and communities.**

End Performance Pay. Educate and organise against racism, sexism, disability discrimination and LGBT+ oppression.

**8. A union that recruits and organises all education workers working in our schools and colleges.**

Win negotiating rights for support staff colleagues. Provide supply staff with the support that they need.

**9. A genuinely democratic union – where members are ‘listened to’, not just ‘talked at’.**

Build a vibrant inclusive union that values its staff but is led by its elected representatives, its National Executive members, local officers and workplace reps.

**10. A Deputy General Secretary that stays in touch with the problems that members are facing.**

I will be listening to you. I will not accept more than a teacher's salary for carrying out my role.

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## MARTIN POWELL-DAVIES FOR DGS

### ● ELECT A DGS THAT YOU CAN RELY ON TO PROVIDE CLEAR LEADERSHIP

**“As a member of the NUT National Executive from 2010-15 and then NEU London Regional Secretary from 2016-19, I have experience of working within the Union at its highest levels.**

*I have been active within the NUT, and now the NEU, throughout my working life. I became a science teacher, and soon a local Union officer, in London in the 1980s. As Lewisham NUT Secretary for over 20 years, I doubled local membership and supported hundreds of colleagues. I have organised many successful campaigns, opposing cuts and academisation, defending pay and workload.*

*I am still a teacher and local NEU officer today, now in the North-West, experiencing the pressures on members at first hand. I am regularly invited to put our case across to the press and media.*

*In short, my record shows that I can be a DGS that you can rely on to provide clear leadership”.*

### ● BUILDING A UNION WHOSE DEMANDS CANNOT BE IGNORED

**“Where do the main differences lie in this election?** Every candidate will propose changes that could improve our conditions, and pupils' learning conditions. But the key question is, how can they be won?

*The NEU has not been short of good demands. Our problem has been that the Union's demands have too often been ignored by employers and Ministers:*

- *Our ‘5 tests’ for Covid Safety were not met - putting our health and safety at risk.*
- *For years, we've complained about unreasonable workload - but it keeps getting worse.*
- *Now we face a ‘pay freeze’ - are our demands for improved salaries going to be ignored too?”*

**“Throughout the pandemic, I have consistently argued that, to defend school safety, we would need to use our collective strength.** The New Year ‘U-turn’ showed what we could achieve. Now we need to make more gains.

*I am standing to be a DGS that works to bring our union together - in our workplace groups, Districts and Branches, alongside the staff and other resources paid for by your subs - with a belief that we can, and must, succeed in winning our demands”.*

**Martin Powell-Davies**