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Pay Update – On-going Negotiations

Following submission of the Teachers' Side pay claim of 10% a meeting of the Extended Joint Chairs was held on the 23rd March and a differentiated pay deal of 2 and 3 per cent was offered. The teachers' side of the SNCT has rejected this offer.

Full details of the offer can be found at www.eis.org.uk/SNCT-Updates/RejectOffer

It is essential that our campaigning continues in order to have maximum impact on future negotiations.

Please follow the campaign on the EIS website www.eis.org.uk/SNCT-Updates/RejectOffer

Lobby your MSP

Following on from the "lobby your councillor" fortnight, we are asking members to switch the focus to MSPs, as we await the response of Scottish Government. An e-bulletin will be sent out shortly to this effect, where we will be asking members to contact their local MSP, outlining the case for the teachers' 10% pay rise.

Enclosed with this mailing is a selection of postcards, with campaign messages, which members may wish to use as an alternative to emailing.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries:

It is important that as many members as possible take part in this lobbying campaign, in order to build support for our claim. Please make members aware of the upcoming email lobby and the availability of the postcards and encourage as many as possible to take part.

May Day Demonstrations

To highlight the importance of the teachers' 10% Pay Claim, the EIS will be joining other trade unions at the various May Day demonstrations being held across the country. We urge members to attend their local May Day march and rally in recognition of fair pay for all public-sector workers and specifically in support of the ongoing teachers' Pay Campaign.

Further information on dates and locations can be found on the poster enclosed.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries:

Please display the enclosed poster in your establishment and encourage members to take part in the demonstrations.

Hear Pasi Sahlberg at EIS Education Conference

Education Conference 2018 – Saturday 28 April 2018 – Technology and Innovation Centre at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow.

Registration is now open for this conference.

As previously advertised, internationally renowned Finnish educationalist Pasi Sahlberg is the main keynote speaker. In addition to what promises to be a highly engaging keynote presentation, there will be extended time for audience conversation and discussion with Pasi on the themes that he raises in relation to education and educational reform.

Also confirmed as speakers are Larry Flanagan, General Secretary and Gayle Gorman, Chief Executive Education Scotland, who will be presenting on and discussing issues related to education governance in a session which will be chaired by EIS President, Nicola Fisher. Questions from the audience will be encouraged.

Further details, including the full programme of the event including workshops covering a range of topical matters, can be found at www.eis.org.uk/Meetings-And-Events/EdConf.

Book now, to reserve a place for a conference carefully designed to encourage amplification of our professional voice on the myriad of live issues that we face.

To register, please complete the form on our website. If you have any questions, please email Leigh Meechan lmeechan@eis.org.uk



Annual General Meeting 2018 - Motions

Please find enclosed a copy of the motions for this year's Annual General Meeting which have been found competent by the Standing Orders Committee.

Please note that Motion 14 should read: "That this AGM agree to support STAND UP TO TRUMP" and not "That this EIS Annual Conference agree to support...STAND UP TO TRUMP."

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries:

I would be grateful if you could please circulate a copy of the motions to members in your establishment and encourage them to attend their Local Association meetings to discuss possible amendments for debate at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional copies of the motions can be provided by the EIS Organisation Department if required. The e-mail address is bmckinlay@eis.org.uk

Scottish National Standardised Assessments

As we enter the final term of the school session when many schools will be implementing SNSA's, the EIS continues to monitor approaches to implementation and remains firm in its position that all assessment should support learning, should be timed appropriately as determined by teacher professional judgement, and should not be conducted with whole cohorts at once. The EIS has previously provided advice on assessment to members to this effect. A poster summarising EIS policy on assessment can be found here: www.eis.org.uk/Reps-E-Bulletins/Dec16.

Action for Representatives:

School Reps are advised to monitor the use of SNSAs at school level with a view to ensuring compliance with EIS policy and Scottish Government advice <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/teachers/>. Emerging issues, for example, with regards to training; the timing of, presentation patterns for, or misuse of data from, SNSAs; or of continuation of other forms of standardised assessment should be raised with the Headteacher in the first instance and the Local Association Secretary informed should the matter remain unresolved.

EIS Action Research Grants

The EIS will again be offering action research grants of £500 for research projects to be carried out in 2018-19.

Applications are now invited. Please visit www.eis.org.uk/News/ActionResearchGrants for more information or contact Lesley Walker lwalker@eis.org.uk.

This year's themes are:

- Closing the attainment gap
- Professional collaboration
- Additional support for learning
- Equality (protected characteristics)
- Health and wellbeing of teachers/lecturers/pupils
- Early years education
- Impact of professional learning
- Home-school relationships

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries:

Please make members aware of the Action Research Grants. The deadline for applications is 27th April 2018.

EIS Rep Training

Upcoming reps training courses will take place on the dates below. To participate a rep must be nominated by their Local Association Secretary. Contact information for your Local Association Secretary is available on the website here: www.eis.org.uk/Contacts/LocalAssociation.

North – Inverness (Ness Horizons Business Centre)

Mod 1 (24-25 May)

Mod 2 (27-28 Sep)

Glasgow – Autumn (STUC)

Mod 1 (13-14 Sep)

Mod 2 (22-23 Nov)

If you would like to ask any questions about the training, contact Jennifer Cook at EIS HQ jcook@eis.org.uk.

EIS Members – Win A Trip to NYC Plus £500 Spending Money

EIS Financial Services, in conjunction with Cornmarket Insurance Services is running a fantastic competition for EIS members to win a trip to New York with £500 spending money.

Cornmarket Insurance Services is the specialist Teacher insurance partner for EIS, providing car, home, bike, pet and other insurance products for members. Please visit www.eisfs.co.uk/nyc and fill in your details to be in with a chance of winning.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please make members aware of the competition.

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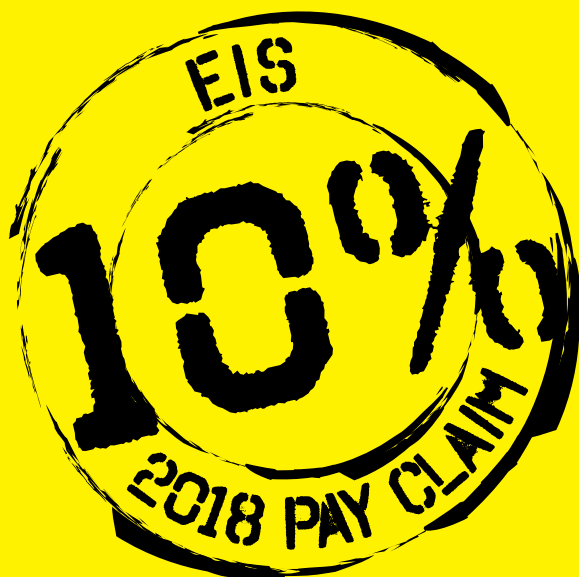
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