



Time to Tackle Workload Campaign

The EIS 'Time to Tackle Workload' (TTTW) campaign is generating activity across schools and Local Associations.

Branches should be focused on ensuring that a whole school audit has been carried out in their school, and its conclusions acted upon. This approach has been followed in a number of schools already with tangible results for staff in those establishments. The process should be collaborative and collegiate. Outstanding additional in-service days should be used for this activity.

Enclosed with this bulletin are a poster and leaflet containing advice about routine administrative tasks and how best to stop these from affecting your workload. Electronic copies of these are available at www.eis.org.uk/Time-To-Tackle-Workload/Materials

Action for Representatives: Please display the enclosed poster and leaflet in your establishment and share this information with your members. You can also direct members to the electronic copies available in the Time to Tackle Workload section of the EIS website. If you would like to organise a branch meeting or require support for the TTTW campaign you can contact your Organiser or Local Association Secretary.

Time to Tackle Workload Training Events 2020

Throughout March of 2020 there will be a number of TTTW training events for reps and activists. Each event will begin with a buffet at 4:30pm with the training running from 5pm to 7pm. Training dates will run as follows:

Paisley (Methodist Central Hall) – 9th March.

Inverurie (Thainstone House Hotel) – 16th March.

Stirling (Forth Valley College) – 17th March.

Edinburgh (EIS HQ) – 18th March.

Action for Representatives: If you or another rep at your school would like more information or wish to register your attendance please contact Bethan Arrowsmith (barrowsmith@eis.org.uk).

ULA Pay Campaign Strike

Following the recent disaggregated statutory ballot, the EIS University Lecturer's Association (ULA) has achieved a mandate for strike action across a number of institutions. These include Edinburgh Napier University, the University of Aberdeen, the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow School of Art and the University of the West of Scotland. Five days of strike action will take place across February and March beginning 20th February.

Further information about the strike dates is available at www.eis.org.uk/ULA-News/UniStrike

Action for Branch Secretaries: Please share information about the upcoming strike dates with your members and support EIS-ULA colleagues by highlighting the action at branch meetings and engaging with the website or social media platforms for updates as the action progresses. The hashtag is #DifferencelsStriking.

Equality Rep Training

We have provisionally arranged Equality Rep Stage 1 training for Friday 20th March and Friday 24th April 2020 in EIS HQ from 10am – 4pm each day, with lunch provided, and there are still spaces available.

Interested members should seek approval from their LA/Branch Secretary as soon as possible to take part in this training course.

Equality Rep training requires a 4-day commitment; a 2-day Stage 2 course will follow with dates to be confirmed.

Members can find out more about this important role at www.eis.org.uk/Become-Active/Equality-Reps and if they have any questions they can contact Natalie Carroll at ncarroll@eis.org.uk.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please encourage available members to become equality reps and make them aware of the upcoming training.

Oppose the Privatisation of Shetland College

The EIS has concerns over the proposed merger of Shetland College, Train Shetland and NAFC, in particular, that the newly merged institution would be a private company as opposed to a public body like almost all other Scottish colleges. With very few exceptions, Scottish colleges are democratically accountable public bodies (subject to scrutiny by the Audit Commission) and Shetland's students and community deserve to be treated in the same way.

We are asking EIS members to call on the Scottish Government to reject the proposal that Shetland College is taken out of public control by signing the petition at www.eis.org.uk/FELA/ShetlandCollege

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please encourage members to sign the petition and show their support.

EIS Professional Learning Conference 2020

All members are invited to attend the EIS Professional Learning Conference on Saturday 29th February 2020 at Trades Hall in Glasgow, 09:15 to 13:00.

The theme of this year's conference is School Empowerment, Teacher Agency and Wellbeing. Members will hear from Larry Flanagan, Education Scotland and other colleagues across the profession about how teachers at every level can play an active role in the empowerment agenda. Keynote and interactive seminar sessions will explore empowered schools in the context of the Time to Tackle Workload Campaign, as well as teacher agency through curriculum leadership, pedagogy and assessment.

FELA members, NQTs and early-career teachers will have access to exclusive sessions relevant to these members.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please display the enclosed poster in your establishment, make members aware of the upcoming conference and direct them either to the EIS website or to Natalie Carroll (ncarroll@eis.org.uk) for further information.

EIS H&S Reps' TUC Training

The 2020 programme of EIS Health & Safety Reps' Training Courses will run as follows:

Edinburgh (HQ Training Suite) – 14th-15th May 2020. Nomination return by Friday 24th April 2020.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: If you or another EIS H&S Rep at your school wish to attend a training course please contact your Local Association Secretary or FELA/ULA Branch Secretary. For further information please contact your EIS Organiser through www.eis.org.uk/Contacts/Organisers

EIS School Reps' TUC Training

The 2020 programme of EIS TUC School Reps' Training Courses will run as follows:

Aviemore (Cairngorm Hotel). Module 1: 21st-22nd May. Module 2: 10th-11th September. Nomination return by Friday 1st May 2020.

Glasgow (City of Glasgow College – Riverside Campus). Module 1: 17th-18th September. Module 2: 19th-20th November. Nomination return by Friday 28th August 2020.

Action for Representatives: If you or another EIS representative at your school wish to attend one of these training courses then please contact your Local Association Secretary. If you wish further information regarding the course, please contact your Organiser.

EIS Organisers

The work of EIS Organisers focuses on the recruitment and retention of members and developing wider membership engagement with the union. Part of their role is also to support the EIS campaigning agenda; they help communicate key campaign and policy messages to members in their workplaces. Organisers are assisting L.A.s and schools in the current workload campaign and are available to help support you in your school.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: If you wish advice or support regarding engaging members in your school with the workload campaign please contact your EIS Organiser.

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