## Still We Rise

## Introduction

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Selma: Across the UK and beyond, far right narratives are becoming increasingly visible in the mainstream, and looming possible rollbacks on progress are harsh reminders that our hard won rights can again be lost.

Welcome to 'Still We Rise' – a new podcast series by the Educational Institute of Scotland – Scotland's largest teaching trade union.

My name is Selma Augestad, I'm the national officer for equality issues at the EIS and in this series, we explore how educators and trade unionists can join together and rise up against the influence of the far right in our schools, colleges, universities and wider society.

The name of this podcast is inspired by the powerful poem 'And Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou, which reminds us of our power and resilience in the face of adversity.

In this series, we will talk to some of the people who are working to tackle the equality issues that affect us all today, and discuss how we can rise up to create a more fair and equal society for all.

We hope that you enjoy this podcast, and if you do - please share it with your colleagues.