

National Bargaining News

News from the EIS/FELA national Reps 19th December

It's pantomime season and your employers are fluffing their lines!



Having given assurances that they were working positively with the Government to bring us a fair offer in the near future, Colleges Employers Scotland have now changed their script. They do not know next year's settlement so how can they know what is needed today? Calamity and slapstick ensues.

Further Education is necessary to ensure economic and social recovery, yet they seem unable to secure necessary funding. Perhaps we could step in like their Fairy Godmother and get them out of this mess, they suggested?

'Look behind you!' we cried. Years of poor governance, lack of leadership and demonization of Lecturing staff has resulted in Further Education being undervalued and underfunded.

We secured an early meeting date in the new year and expect them to address the pressing needs of their employees. This show must not go on!

Branch Officials Seminar 16th December

Branch officials attended a seminar online on 16th December to support Branches in writing successful motions to conference.

It is important that members participate in formulating EIS FELA policy by contributing to motions locally and by attending conference to vote on them.

If you want to see changes in how our sector operates, speak to your local and national officials and they will help create a motion to be discussed at conference.

Unity is Strength-build it by branch discussions and actions

Use your annual meetings in January to discuss the campaign strands and raise motions which deal effectively with the issues which affect your branch.

Challenge the narrative that there is no money-poor public sector pay is a political choice, a fair distribution of wealth would be a better choice.

Form an action committee in your Branch to regularly carry out campaigning activities. These need not be big events.

Invite your Organiser to Branch and Committee meetings. They can help you plan events.

Post regularly to social media.

Have faith that we can mount and win this campaign successfully, inspire others to be activists.

Please attend Branch meetings and engage with your local Branch Officials and other members Fight for our Future!