

**Edinburgh Local Association  
Proposed Motions and Constitutional Changes for LA AGM 2024**

**Proposed National Motions**

1. That this AGM instructs council to campaign to improve the provision within, and increase the number of, special schools for those children with ASN for whom adequate resources and equipment and/or the necessary trained staffing are not available in mainstream settings.

**Edinburgh LA Executive**

2. That this AGM instructs EIS Council to:
  - a. investigate and report on the extent to which implementation of the provisions of Appendix 2.9 Annex A in Part 2 of the SNCT Handbook (Excepted pupils) is resulting in class size maxima, as laid out in the SNCT, being exceeded;
  - b. use the findings of that report to consider whether there is need to campaign for amendments to said appendix and its provisions.

**Edinburgh LA Executive**

1. This AGM resolve to instruct council to campaign for Computing Science to be reclassified as a practical class within Appendix 2.9 of Part 2 of the SNCT.

**Craigmount High School**

2. That this AGM note the rising levels of mental ill-health among EIS members seeking advice and support, and resolve to:
  - a. offer appropriate training to all EIS reps, Local Association Secretaries, Benevolent Fund Correspondents and members of Local Association Executive Committees in supporting members who seek EIS assistance because of work-related issues arising from mental ill-health;
  - b. investigate and report on how the EIS might provide support and supervision for such activists to help them maintain their own mental wellbeing;
  - c. include consideration of how external providers, such as the charity Education Support, might be involved in such training and/or support and supervision.

**Edinburgh LA Executive**

3. That this AGM resolve to raise the issue of supply teacher pay at the SNCT as soon as possible, with the aim of achieving full pay from day one of any work undertaken by supply staff.

**Louise Bishop, Supply**

4. That this AGM note the World Health Organisation's announcement in April 2023 that 1 in 10 Covid infections results in post-Covid conditions, and resolve to:
  - a. investigate and report on the most up to date information relating to rates of long-COVID among teachers in Scotland (or the UK if Scottish figures are not available), compared to other workers;
  - b. investigate and report on the most up to date information relating to rates of long-COVID among school-age children in Scotland (or the UK if Scottish figures are not available);
  - c. campaign for adequate numbers of HEPA-filters to be fitted, and maintained, to ensure at least four air changes per hour in every classroom and lecture-room in Scotland;
  - d. seek to work with the STUC to campaign for similar protections for other workers in Scotland, and with the TUC to campaign for similar protections for teachers and other workers elsewhere in the UK.

**Edinburgh LA Executive**

5. That this AGM resolve to:
  - a. call on the Scottish and UK governments to:
    - i. divest public funds from any companies which sell arms or equipment to the Israeli military and/or which utilise land occupied illegally under international law;
    - ii. suspend all arms deals with Israel and initiate economic and political sanctions with the aim of pressuring them into ceasefire negotiations.
    - iii. issue public statements supporting the judgement of the International Court of Justice following South Africa's case against Israel;
  - b. call on the UK government to resume funding of UNRWA following the failure of Israel to provide evidence that UNRWA staff participated in Hamas military activities.

**Tom Colquhoun, Ferryhill Primary School**

6. That this AGM resolve to investigate and report on the suitability of the Gaza Genocide Emergency Committee as an organisation that the EIS should consider affiliating and/or donating to.

**Tom Colquhoun, Ferryhill Primary School**

### **Proposed Changes to the National EIS Constitutions**

That this AGM resolve to amend the EIS Constitution as follows:

at Standing Orders –

*Council; Part V; Paragraph 5: delete full stop after “notice” and add: “, except when that member is unable to attend the meeting of Council, in which case that member may nominate any other member of Council to move the motion; notice of this change of mover to be given to the General Secretary no later than 9.30am on the day Council meets.”*

The new rule at Paragraph 5 will now read: *“The moving of a motion or amendment of which notice has been given shall be by the member giving notice, except when that member is unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting of Council, in which case that member may nominate any other member of Council within the same local association to move the motion; notice of this change in mover to be given to the General Secretary by the original mover no later than 9.30am on the day Council meets.”*

**Edinburgh LA Executive**

## **Proposed Edinburgh Local Association Motions**

7. That this AGM notes the successes so far of, and resolves to continue, the Local Association's 'Save our Schools' campaign ahead of the City of Edinburgh Council Budget in 2025.

### **Edinburgh LA Executive**

8. That this LA AGM instructs the Edinburgh Local Association Executive Committee to work with the Teacher Panel and the LNCT to campaign to embed staff health and wellbeing and teacher empowerment into SQIPs, and into the wider procedures of improvement planning, in a way that reflects current levels of need within school teams, so as to improve staff mental, physical and social wellbeing.

### **Edinburgh LA Executive**

9. This AGM instructs the Edinburgh LA Executive Committee to campaign for the City of Edinburgh Council to provide secure covered parking for bicycles in every school.

### **Lynn Mayer, Supply**

10. That the Edinburgh EIS Executive Committee survey, by means of a detailed questionnaire, all Edinburgh EIS members who are supply teachers to find out the issues they face, including in obtaining employment as supply teachers and in obtaining the correct pay for the hours they have worked.

### **Louise Bishop, Supply**

### **Sonia Kordiak, Life Member**

11. That the Edinburgh EIS Executive Committee raise with the City of Edinburgh Council, as part of its Stand Up for Quality Education Campaign, the need to increase the number of permanent teacher contracts.

### **Louise Bishop, Supply**

### **Sonia Kordiak, Life Member**

12. That this AGM resolve to seek advice from EIS Headquarters regarding current EIS policy on whether Local Associations can:

- a. call on Local Authorities to divest any Pension Funds held by Councils from companies which sell arms or equipment to the Israeli military and/or utilise land occupied illegally under international law;
- b. recommend to members that they do not engage with visits from or STEM events hosted by companies which sell arms or equipment to the Israeli military.

**Tom Colquhoun, Ferryhill Primary School**

### **Proposed changes to the Edinburgh LA Constitution**

Add “ and such other Office-Bearers as are decided upon by the Association at an Annual General Meeting,” between “Treasurer, ” and “who” in Item 6 (a):

*6. The Office-Bearers of the Association shall be members of the Association. They shall consist of: -*

- a. the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and the Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall be eligible for re-election. Each shall hold office from the close of one Annual General Meeting to the close of the next; and*
- b. the Ex-President, that is the immediate past President.*