



Message from the General Secretary

Dear EIS Representative,

May I offer a heartfelt thank you to all representatives for your sterling efforts in the run up to the national demo.

Representatives played a big part in encouraging members to attend the demo and contributed to the magnificent turnout from members and supporters.

Let me take this opportunity to underline the importance we attach to your work as a school representative, and to re-iterate the invitation to let us know if there is anything we can do to support your efforts.

Best wishes and thanks,



Consultative Ballot

As you are aware, our Consultative Ballot has opened seeking members' views on the SNCT Pay Offer. Our Salaries Committee has recommended that members reject the offer. A number of leaflets are enclosed for distribution in your establishment.

A good turnout is essential. It is important to check that members have all received their voting codes by email (or paper ballot for those without known email addresses).

Please encourage as many members as possible to vote. Personal approaches are effective. If your branch wishes to hold a meeting, especially if there is a group of members that want further information, contact your Local Association Secretary or Organiser to arrange a speaker.

Action for Representatives: Please check that individual members have received their voting instructions, distribute the enclosed leaflets and encourage members to use their vote.

EIS Advice on N5 and Higher English Folio

The Education Committee has developed advice for those involved in the delivery of N5 and Higher English qualifications, specifically relating to the Folio.

Action for Representatives: Please make the relevant members in your school aware of this advice, available in hard copy format (enclosed) and on the EIS website www.eis.org.uk/PoliciesandGuidance/N5advice

Any queries about the Pay Campaign should be directed to your Local Association Secretary or Organiser.

National Occupational Networks – Additional Support Needs, Educational Psychologists, Headteachers and Depute Headteachers, and Instrumental Music Teachers.

National Occupational Networks operate to represent certain members who are part of an occupational group within the EIS, who have distinctive interests and who may not be represented in other structures within the Institute.

These groups operate on behalf of four categories of members – Additional Support Needs, Educational Psychologists, Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers, and Instrumental Music Teachers.

Networks operate to offer a forum for such members, to keep the main body of the EIS advised of developments and to allow proper assistance for these members in matters which affect them.

New elections to the Networks are now underway, and EIS Representatives are asked to ensure that their headteacher/depute headteacher (where a member) and any other relevant members in their establishment are made aware of these elections and have the opportunity to nominate themselves.

Applications are invited from members in these categories to serve as the representative of their Local Association on the national Network for their category. One Network representative is elected for each Local Association and members may nominate themselves. The period of office is three years and Networks normally meet on around two occasions each year.

Nomination forms are available from Local Association Secretaries and from the Organisation Department at EIS Headquarters and should be sent to Local Association Secretaries by Friday 14 December 2018.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please ensure that information on this election is brought to the attention of your headteacher or other relevant members in your establishment, and that suitable members are encouraged to stand.

Updating Membership Details

You should have received an email, as school rep, with a current membership list. If not, please email our membership department (membership@eis.org.uk) and let us know.

We would be grateful if School Reps would check and update these lists online as soon as possible, and we ask you to specifically consider the probationer teachers at your school.

Action for Representatives: Check the EIS membership list for your school and update online.

Contacting Organisers

With the pay campaign intensifying and the consultative ballot opening, the EIS Organisers are available to visit and support your branches. If you wish assistance to organise a branch meeting or wish to invite the Organisers to a branch meeting, then please make contact at www.eis.org.uk/Contacts/Organisers

Action for Representatives: Contact Organisers if you wish further support or a visit.

Reps Training

A gentle reminder to those participating in the 2018 Autumn Rep training, the second part of this training, module 2, will commence on 22nd – 23rd November in STUC Building, Woodlands Rd, Glasgow.

EIS Representative Training 2019 dates are as follows. Contact your area organiser for further information.

Edinburgh

Module 1 Thursday 17 – Friday 19 January 2019
Module 2 Thursday 28 – Friday 29 March 2019
Deadline for nominations is Friday 21 December 2018.

Aviemore

Module 1 Thursday 30 – Friday 31 May 2019
Module 2 Thursday 12 – Friday 13 September 2019
Deadline for nominations is Friday 10 May 2019.

Glasgow

Module 1 Thursday 7 – Friday 8 March 2019
Module 2 Thursday 30 – Friday 31 May 2019
Deadline for nominations is Friday 15 February 2019.