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# 10 reasons to be an EIS Representative

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## Be part of the EIS Team

Reps are elected by EIS members in the workplace and represent their collective interests. As a rep you will be supported by the wider EIS team both locally and nationally.

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## Be in the know. Inform and be informed

Act as a key link providing the latest union news, both local and national, to other members and become well informed on issues from employment rights to local agreements with answers to FAQs from members.

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## Be a Professional Voice for EIS members in your workplace

Make sure that your workplace is collegiate in its decision making and that everyone has a say in what happens especially in agreeing the annual working time arrangements.

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## Be a Supporter and Adviser for EIS members

Being an EIS Rep is an altruistic endeavour. By supporting and advising colleagues you make a positive difference in your school – taking up concerns and seeking resolutions.

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## Be trained to be an effective Rep and add to your professional development

The EIS offers a 4 day TUC accredited Reps Training course (broken into 2 x 2 Days) as well as regular local training for reps. You will have a chance to build your knowledge and develop skills to be an effective rep.

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## Be a Union Builder

You can contribute directly to building the EIS by recruiting new colleagues, promoting the benefits of membership and ensuring the support and engagement of existing members.

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## Be part of a Reps network

You will have an opportunity to meet and communicate with other reps in your EIS Local Association and be part of a community offering mutual support.

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## Be entitled to time to be a Rep

There are agreements with most local authorities in Scotland acknowledging the importance of school reps and providing a weekly allocation of time to carry out trade union duties.

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## Be able to use and develop important professional skills.

The skills you use as a Rep are highly valued, transferable and will contribute to your career development.

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## Be an advocate for equality, social justice and key issues in education.

A commitment to quality and equality across our education service is a hallmark of the EIS and School Reps take a lead on this in their own workplace.



## Become an EIS Rep

If you would like to become an EIS Representative please contact your EIS Local Association Secretary directly, see [www.eis.org.uk](http://www.eis.org.uk) for Local Association contact details, or get in touch with the EIS Organisers

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