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To Secretaries of Local Districts

Dear Colleague,

National Officer Elections 2022

I am writing to request you to consider nominating me, Samuel Makinde, for election to the post of Vice President in the forthcoming National Officer Elections.

I am a full-time classroom teacher and Union representative in Hertfordshire District. I have been a member of the Black Organising Forum of the NUT and the NEU for 5 years and now the Vice Chair, as well as a NUT and NEU Hertfordshire Committee member for over twenty five years. I have served as assistant secretary, president, membership officer and one of the case worker supporting our members in Hertfordshire. I have been a member on the Race Advisory Committee of the NUT and was a contributor to the NEU Anti-Racist Framework; and the lead facilitator for the Black in the British Curriculum initiative.

EXPERIENCE AND VALUES

During my time on the Race Advisory Committee, I worked hard to represent the best interests of our members, helping to shape policy affecting members across England and Wales; I have striven to ensure that members are engaged with all equality issues both on the national and regional scenes as well as in my local district. I have encouraged our members to feel positive about themselves and this has empowered them to engage positively with union activism both in their schools and across our district. On the national scene and as part of holistic and inclusive education in schools, where no one is left behind and everyone's voice is heard, I am currently working with many Districts to introduce Black in the British Curriculum to their members. I believe that the truth needs to be taught in schools in a way that everyone's achievement, culture and contributions are told in all areas of the curriculum. I have served in various roles within our union: I have chaired or co-chaired at Equality Conferences, am a member of the BEC Steering Committee and I have run a series of CPD events that have helped and empowered our members to navigate, and be the pilot of, their own destiny within their schools and their districts. I thrive in organising both in and outside the union and have tirelessly campaigned for members' voices to be heard. I have negotiated with my region to get a survey out so that the OFs are not just putting up events but focusing on the needs of our members.

I believe that within our union, the voice of all educators must be heard and listened to. I have played a key role in developing and putting in place a workplace organising strategy, during COVID-19, workplace disputes and I have negotiated with employers to the benefit of our members. I have always held disputes as the last resort, only when every other avenue has been explored. All the head-teachers that I have worked with on union matters have always valued this and have said as such when I have invited them as guest speakers to our union activities to express their experiences of working with me as a union representative.

I believe that everybody in education came into the profession because we believe that we have something of worth to contribute to the lives of the young children in our care. In addition, our Union with it's over 400,000 member's strength is a force for change with equity and social justice at its core. The combination of such values are the ingredients that we need to create an equitable society in which everyone is valued, respected and has opportunities to contribute to the society. Furthermore, if elected, as the Vice President I will work with all our members from across all sectors of the whole union, building on equity, collaboration and unity.

As a union, we need different solutions today for a more equitable tomorrow, with you electing me as your vice president, I will work with others to lead the next developments within our union for improving education for all.

Yours faithfully

Sam Makinde



SAMUEL MAKINDE BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVISM

- Secondary Teacher for 30 years with middle leadership experience
- School Representative and Branch Officer since 1999
- Dignity for all Educators at all sectors
- Fair examination grading in schools
- Equitable education through personalised learning
- Enjoyment of learning for all children
- Intersectionality focus for better understanding
- Wellbeing for all through the use of equality data
- Inclusive education through environments to meets all children's needs

UNION RELATED ENGAGEMENT

- District Committee member since 1999
- Assistant District Secretary since 2017
- School Representative in my current school
- Charing Equality Conferences
- Vice Chair of Black members Organising Forum
- Member of BEC Steering Committee
- Written and spoken to motions which developed Union policy
- Union Learning trained
- Diploma in Employment Law Studies
- Diploma in Equality Studies
- During Covid-19 Pandemic I worked hard for safer workplaces
- Local caseworker
- Lead facilitator of the Black in the British Curriculum initiative
- Founding and Committee member London Black Educators Network
- Supported members in my school, district, region and across England and Wales

COMMUNITY FOCUS ACTIVISM

- Made contributions to the Curriculum and Assessment reform
- Monthly contributor to the Black Voice Letchworth organisation
- Member of the AQA Curriculum Assessment Quality Committee
- Member of the AQA Research Committee
- Secretary TUC /LESE International Affairs Committee
- Joint Secretary Race Relations Committee
- Attended international delegation
- Spoken on national and local media

Please invite me to your meetings to talk to members, which must be on a Zoom call.

I'm a full-time teacher, but I will endeavour to be there.

Please nominate me if you believe in what I stand for.

If you decide to support me, please help promote this to your members according to union election rules

For more information, please email me on the email address above.

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