



**Nominate Tracy McGuire for National Executive
Sector Seat: Support staff**

I am writing to ask for your nomination for the position of Support Staff Representative on the NEU National Executive. Following the resignation of the previous representative there will be a by-election for this position. Nominations are now open and must be submitted by October 31st. If you have a meeting this half term, please put this on the agenda and consider nominating me for the Executive seat.

I have been a teaching assistant in a Darlington primary school for 10 years and an active union member for all of that time. I am currently the rep in my school, as well as serving on the committee at local division level. I have recently attended NEU Conference as a delegate and spoke at the podium in support of full representation rights for support staff and a boycott of high stakes primary testing.

My main priority as a representative of support staff will be to ensure that we are treated as equal citizens in our Union. That means the NEU fighting for the right to represent and negotiate on behalf of our support staff members at every level.

I also want to see a campaign for national pay arrangements for all support staff determined by collective bargaining with trade unions. As a start I would argue for a pay rise of £3 per hour across the board.

Finally it is clear that Brexit will be a huge threat to the status and jobs of hundreds of staff in our schools and to the rights of many of our children. It will also inflict untold damage to the economy and our most vulnerable communities. I want to see the Union take a firm position of opposition to this project and to do everything in our power to defend the rights of EU citizens working and learning in our schools and colleges.

Our support staff members need a clear voice on the Executive and I will do my best to be their champion if elected. Please consider nominating me at your next OGM

In solidarity

***Tracy McGuire
Darlington NEU***