

Nominate Paramjeet Singh Bhogal - Vice President

Membership No. N0351909



To District Secretaries

Dear colleagues,

I am seeking your District to Nominate me for the post of the Vice President. I have been an active member of our union for over 30 years as a classroom teacher, community education worker, equality education officer, advisory teacher, EAL team manager and now a full-time educational psychologist. I bring a wealth of educational experiences and union activism which I will use for the post of Vice and then President of **our union**.

I am standing to **represent the voices and concerns of ALL our members: Heads, Support, and Supply staff, Retired members** and of course **Teachers**. We live in challenging times (not least the ongoing impact of Covid 19) where our **pay & conditions, excessive workload, Ofsted, discrimination face by women and other members** and our **professional autonomy** to educate children with a **relevant anti-racist curriculum** requires action. I want our union to campaign to **put educators at the heart of our union and to work with all Branches and Districts in local and national campaigns**.

Equality has always been my driving force as an educator and union activist. As a member of the National Executive, Member Defence and Equalities committees, National Council, Black OF, Black Educators Conferences and various positions at the District and Regional levels (President, Equality & International Solidarity, planning and delivering training) I sought to make our union a leading force on equalities. We need forums in which Reps, Groups and members can play an active part in the work of the union and our union to support members in times of need e.g., taking discrimination cases to employment tribunals. I will **work with you** to ensure **equality is at the heart of our union for ALL our members**.

In this pandemic I **contributed to numerous national, regional, and other events** to deliver training and support events for our members. I **supported victimised reps** by travelling to strike actions and speaking on picket lines and continue to support our members through events on zoom.

My priorities as Vice President will be to:

- Fight to **protect our pay and conditions**
- **Support all our members at all levels** e.g., taking test cases to ETs
- Fight to **protect workload and safety**
- Demand for **better funding across education**, especially **SEND** & thus help children to reach their educational potential
- Campaign for **teacher led assessments & stop the toxic testing & exams & boycott SATs**
- **Supports members to become Reps & help build stronger union groups** with a voice
- Seek a **relevant anti-racist curriculum for an inclusive education system**
- Put **equality at the heart of our union**
- **Support issues that impact on women** as the majority members e.g., flexible working

Our union needs a clear plan to support our members and our campaigns. I believe I have the skills, experiences, and drive to work with others to provide collaborative leadership with commitment, honesty, integrity, and work to protect and safeguard our members. **We need a National Contract for ALL our Educators and a National Education system.**

Nominate Paramjeet S Bhogal to work with you in order that our union puts members issues and concerns at the heart of our campaigns and actions to create a better education system for all.

In solidarity

Paramjeet Singh Bhogal, Newcastle upon Tyne

National Education Union / Vice President 2022

Nominate: **PARAMJEET S BHOGAL** Membership No. 0351909

- Union activist for over 30 years
- Teacher, Advisory Teacher, EAL Team Leader, currently full time Educational Psychologist
- Active member at Branch, District, Regional & National level
- Past Local Association President, Equality and International Solidarity Officer
- Have supported national & local union campaigns
- Workplace Rep (NEU) and Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP)
- Led union delegation to Cuba
- Continue to support members with discrimination cases

Union involvement:

- Member of the Race and SEN Advisory Committees (NUT)
- Member of the National Organizing Forum for Black Educators
- Black Educators Conference Steering Group – organizing conference & ran workshops
- Attended and spoken at Annual Conferences
- Represented NEU at TUC Black Workers' Conference and spoken on motions
- Represented the union in the media contributions
- Contributed to NEU guidelines and publications e.g., Domestic Violence and Anti-Racist Education
- Regional Equalities Forum
- Northern TUC Executive Member
- Rep for the Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP)
- Public speaking experience at rallies and demonstrations
- Former National Executive Member, Member Defence and Equalities Committees
- Former National Executive Member on union's Trust Fund Trustee
- Joint district International Solidarity Officer
- Planned and delivered national and regional zoom events for members
- Taken motions (e.g., Exam U-Turns, PHSE, Palestine, Indian Farmers) to Executive and spoken at Annual Conference
- Regional Council Member/Delegate
- Undertaken casework
- International Solidarity Officer
- Active member of the regional Stand Up To Racism (SUTR-NE)