



National Officer Elections 2014

Louise Regan

for Vice President



We are writing to ask you to consider nominating our Deputy Division Secretary and Treasurer, Louise Regan, as national Vice President. She has been a member of the NUT throughout her teaching career and has been **active in the Union** both locally and nationally.

Louise is a primary teacher in a challenging but thriving school in the East Midlands. For this reason she strongly identifies with all teachers in primary education who are facing a hostile Ofsted and the draconian attacks on primary education. She also has an excellent track record of defending members in secondary, special schools and PRUs. She is one of the main officers campaigning against the attacks on teachers' pay, conditions of service and pensions. She is the main negotiator with County Hall.

Louise is committed to a campaigning union. Currently she is playing a leading role in the campaign to defend teachers' pensions. She recognises the vital importance of using our resources to defend members' pensions and pay, to fight cuts, to resist the spread of academies and free schools while protecting the members who work in them, and to replace the government's ideologically-driven model of teaching and testing with one that respects teachers as professionals.

Locally, Louise is **respected and trusted** by all the local trade union officers involved with schools. She has produced joint union materials for local anti-academy campaigning and for retaining the facilities budget. She is a determined campaigner against bullying and stress. She is a strong supporter of a lay-led Union which is responsive to its members.

Locally Louise set up the Nottinghamshire NUT Women's Network which has had lively meetings and is growing rapidly. She was also instrumental in setting up the parents' group in support of the campaign against the 5 term year in Nottingham (the PASTY Campaign which had over 500 supporters at its height).

As a member of the Conference Business Committee, Louise has been involved in ensuring that Conference is as democratic as possible and representative of all its members no matter what age or gender. She supported the changes in procedure to allow more women and young teachers to speak.

Louise believes that the strength of our Union is in its members, and in the work of local lay officers. She is committed to ensuring the Union has the resources to **defend and support** our lay structures. This is an urgent issue because of attempts by government to undermine local arrangements for negotiation and release of local officers to represent members.

*Please make every effort to nominate Louise
We believe that Louise would make a strong Officer at this vital time*

Nominations for national Officers have to be received by Head Office by September 30th, though you can nominate this term. They can be made at a quorate General Meeting if the circulated agenda has included nominations as an item. If the meeting is inquorate they can be made by a postal ballot of members, so long as members have been asked by a letter to schools if they wish to put forward names for this ballot.

Louise is happy to attend meetings over the next few months to explain in more detail what she stands for and she can be contacted on louise.regan@ntlworld.com

If you decide to nominate Louise, please consider making a contribution to the costs of her campaign. We would also be grateful if you would circulate her election literature at the time of the ballot.

Yours sincerely

Chris Gibbon, Ivan Wels, Lesley Thacker, Bec Houghton, Lynn Evans and Lee Probert
officers of Nottinghamshire NUT (in a personal capacity)