

Conference motions – priority voting

The STA looks to decide on a number of core motions to recommend for prioritisation in associations – with a short subsidiary list where associations drop one of these.

In making this decision we need to make the following considerations:

- i) *our political priorities*
 - ii) *our campaigning priorities*
 - iii) *whether there are any new areas we want to get on the agenda*
 - iv) *which motions will get on the agenda without substantial backing from the STA*
- We are focusing on a small number of motions to ensure their success in prioritisation – in previous years our list was too long and we lost out on a number of key motions.
 - It is important that STA members follow the recommendations so that we get these motions on the agenda.
 - Deadline for prioritisation is February 2nd and we want to work with associations to make sure these motions get enough votes.

STRATEGY AND FINANCE

There are a lot of important motions, competing for space. **Motion 3 (Political Campaigning)** looks at relations with the Labour Party and the use of the Political Fund. **Motion 4 (Housing)** and **Motion 7 (Funding)** should be supported.

SALARIES

Motion 19 (Fair Pay for Teachers) is a priority campaign for us and should be supported.

ORGANISING & MEMBERSHIP

Motion 30 (Building NEU in the Workplace) is an absolute priority for the STA.

INTERNATIONAL

Motion 41 (Resistance in Latin America) is a key motion on a subject we have not properly discussed before. There are other good motions but these cover areas in which we are already heavily involved.

EQUALITY

44 (Sexism and Harassment) is a priority for us and we have got the Union into a good position on this. **Motion 47 (Racism & Migration)** addresses a very important subject and enables us to continue our work. **Motion 48 (Abortion Rights)** is an important motion as we look towards policy in the NEU.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND RIGHTS

Motion 56 (Workload) is a priority campaign for us and should be supported.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Motion 64 (Secondary Curriculum) is a good motion, which will appear on the agenda as it is the only one in this section.

EDUCATION GENERAL

Motion 67 (National Education Service) is another key area on which we want to position the Union's intervention. **Motion 69 (Crisis in Mental Health)** is very timely and covers an important area. **Motion 71 (Curriculum & Pedagogy)** covers new ground and takes up the challenge laid down recently by Nick Gibb.

EARLY YEARS

There are a number of motions covering similar ground on assessment - **Motion 80 (Baseline Testing)** is the motion we want to support in this section.

RECOMMENDATION

1. These are the core STA motions, and we want every association to prioritise the following five motions:
 - 30 Building NEU in the Workplace**
 - 44 Sexism and Harassment in Schools**
 - 47 Racism and Migration**
 - 67 National Education Service**
 - 71 Curriculum and Pedagogy**
2. And to choose the extra motion from the following list:
 - 3 Political Fund*
 - 4 Housing*
 - 7 Funding*
 - 19 Pay*
 - 41 Latin America*
 - 48 Abortion Rights*
 - 56 Workload*
 - 69 Crisis in Mental Health*
 - 80 Baseline Testing*