



CAMBRIDGESHIRE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held on 27th September at Impington Holiday Inn

Present: Phil Yeeles (Chair) + 12 members

1. **Apologies:** Brian Chadwick, Paula Champion

2. **Minutes of last Meeting:**

The minutes of the last AGM was agreed as an accurate record. No matters arising.

3. **Nominations for new National Vice President**

One nomination from one teacher from Leeds - Kausar Jan, who is a very experienced teacher. Is campaigning for black and minority teachers. Motion carried.

4. **Motions**

a. **Kurdish Solidarity Campaign**

Would like to support and affiliate to this and have a speaker at a future association meeting. Motion carried.

b. **Children's Centre**

Risk of closure of about 40 childrens' centres due to Council cost cutting. Reduced to 10 centres - some family and child centres but not giving the whole services as before. We want to support the demonstration called by the Cambridge Labour party on 10th October and to take a banner to the demo. Motion carried.

c. **Support Stand Up to Racism's Conference Saturday 21st October**

Racism appears to be increasing - and so we would like to donate £50 for Cambridge SUTR and send up to 5 delegates. Motion carried.

d. **Solidarity with BFAWU MacDonald's Strike**

We resolve to fully support this campaign, give £100 to the campaign and support members who are being victimised for their action. Motion carried.

e. **Artist's Union of England**

This is a newly established union and Cambridge is one of the first branches. They need more money to run their meetings, therefore we donate £100. Motion carried.

f. **Campaign against the Pay Cap**

Jon Duveen, Secretary,
Cambridgeshire Association of the National Union of Teachers,
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We support the District Trades Council call for a demo and rally regarding the pay cap on all public sector workers. Also, to publicise this to schools and members. Motion carried.

g. Visit to Auschwitz

United Against Fascism educational trip to Auschwitz to be attended by Richard Rose (who was nominated for the union Blair Peach award). Richard to report back to the union and write a report for the website and newsletter. Richard's hotel expenses to be paid for by the union at £225. Motion carried.

h. EDUKID

A charity to help children living in poverty or war to access a full education internationally. Louise Crook (Equalities Officer) to attend an educational trip in October half term to Cambodia to further the international work of the union. Louise to disseminate to the union and to contact Cambodian teaching unions. The union to donate £500 towards the trip. Motion carried.

AOB - JD

We are merging with ATL to form the NEU. We are in discussions with the ATL as to the new structure. Also, all employees in education are eligible to join, not just teachers.

October 18th at Cambridge Regional College will be a launch/social event.

A reps training school for both NUT and ATL to be held sometime after half term.

Lobby of MPs against funding cuts on 24th October.

October 20th is wear red day for Show Racism the Red Card.

Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre October 28th - firewalk at Anglia Ruskin University.