

Northern Region

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An occasional update on Organising in the Northern Region

Please take any opportunity to pass this information on to anyone who might be interested!

Hi Everyone,

After a very successful final Annual Conference for the NUT Section there is a flood of activity to share with you, not least our new organiser – welcome Jack! The highly effective School Cuts Campaign www.schoolcuts.org.uk has moved up a gear with plenty of ways to contribute, and we're hoping to see many of you at a number of other forthcoming events...

School Cuts: National Weekend of Action

The crisis in education funding is continuing to bite. We've already won back £1.3bn through our campaign, but 91% of schools still face Government cuts, class sizes are increasing, and teachers and support staff are being driven out of the profession.

With the weekend of action on **21 and 22 April**, we aim to create a noise so loud that no one can ignore what's happening to our schools. Will you join us?

For a full list of local events, check out https://actionnetwork.org/event_campaigns/spring-school-cuts-events

Saturday 12th May: Education in C21st York

13:00 - 16:30 Priory St Centre, York

When it comes to education York is set to become the worst funded authority in the country. But what does this fact mean?

This event aims to look at the effects of the new funding formula on the children of York and also more widely at the impact of the education system on our children. We get excellent results in York, a lot of our schools are good or outstanding according to Ofsted. But do we always get the priorities right?

York National Education Union (NUT section) invites you to attend this interactive look at York's education system today. Register @ <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/education-in-c21st-york-tickets-44299071716>

Saturday 5 May: Tyne and Wear May Day

The 2018 Tyne and Wear May Day March is the Saturday of the bank holiday weekend. **For the first time for many years there will be organisational changes.** Rising costs mean that the rally will not be in Exhibition Park. Instead, the plan is to assemble at the Park, and march from there into the city centre, holding the rally at Grey's Monument. This will be followed by a social in the main function room at the Tyneside Irish Centre with live music after the end of the rally at Grey's Monument.

The initial list of speakers includes: CHRISTINA McANEA: Assistant General Secretary, UNISON
LAURA PIDCOCK MP: Labour, North West Durham
BETH FARHAT: Northern Regional Secretary, TUC.

The change of route and rally point gives us the opportunity to emphasise the significance of May Day right in the city centre. We hope that you'll be able to join us,

Saturday 14th July: Durham Miners' Gala

Join us in Durham as we will march with our band, for the first time behind our new NEU banner. Provisionally, meet in Durham Market Square at 9.30am – more details to follow.

Saturday 28th July: Seven Men of Jarrow Commemoration

After a small event last year we will again commemorate events in Jarrow in 1831/2. Details are still being finalised, but the aim is to remember the strike by miners in 1831 that led to the penal transportation of 7 miners (think Tolpuddle!) and ultimately saw William Jobling gibbeted in Jarrow Slake. Keep the date free for the commemoration that will include a tribute to these pioneering trade unionists and an afternoon of music. More at <https://www.facebook.com/events/161817194507583/>

There will be more, watch this space!!

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