



# NORTHERN Teacher

## Thursday April 24 – Day of Action

by Elaine Kay, Regional Secretary



**Martin Reed, NUT Senior Vice President delights the crowd with a typically rousing speech!**

A Regional Rally was organised, in conjunction with UCU, in central Newcastle, in front of Gray's Monument. The turn out was estimated between 400 and 500 (one newspaper reported it at 500) with NUT, UCU, PCS and representatives of other public sector unions.

The rally was chaired by the Regional Secretary.

Speakers: Martin Reed (NUT), Sasha Callaghan (UCU), Kevin McHugh (PCS), Gill Hale (NTUC and UNISON) John McCormack (UCU and Newcastle TUC) and Ian Grayson NUT).

The venue was chosen specifically as it provided not only a suitable platform area but also enabled stewards to leaflet members of the public who were passing by. Thankfully the rain passed by as well.

There was considerable media interest – BBC, Tyne Tees and local radio stations as well as the local newspapers. One local paper – The Newcastle Journal – ran a piece with the Headline “Teachers on strike over cut in pay – the North East one of the worst hit areas.”

Members in small schools,



**Bill Muir, NUT Health & Safety Advisor, acting as a steward at the rally.**

particularly in the rural areas were very reluctant to take action. Regional Office received a fair number of calls from members who felt they had to leave the Union, all were spoken to about it who wished to. However, equally we have received reports of the



**Ian Grayson, newly Elected NUT Executive Member for Tyne & Wear makes an impressive debut.**

NUT membership increasing in some schools in the days leading up to the day of action.

Those teachers who attended the rally were very willing to be interviewed and were keen to ensure that the public were not being misled over their pay, particularly young teachers.

Buses to transport members to the rally in Newcastle were provided from York, Redcar, Carlisle, Durham and Northumberland.



**From:** Anna Ganley [mailto:aganley@societyofauthors.org]  
**Sent:** 17 June 2008 19:14  
**To:** Northern Region NUT  
**Subject:** Children's Writers & Illustrators Conference - all welcome

Dear NUT

I am writing on behalf of the Children's Writers and Illustrators Group of the Society of Authors. We are having a conference in August and would like to invite your members. Would you be able to alert your members in any e-newsletter that is going out, or via the NUT website?

I know it is a very busy time of year for teachers, however we feel this event may be of interest as it is during the school holidays and we will be discussing the controversial topic of age ranging on children's books, which some publishers are going ahead with this year.

Teachers may already be aware of this issue by the amount of newspaper and web coverage in recent days. If not, you might also wish to inform your members about the Publishers Association's plans. There is full information about their plans on their website at [http://www.publishers.org.uk/en/childrens/age\\_guidance/](http://www.publishers.org.uk/en/childrens/age_guidance/) I have included details of the conference at the bottom of this email, for further information about the conference and for more information about age ranging, please see our website at [www.societyofauthors.org](http://www.societyofauthors.org)

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Best wishes, Anna Ganley, Secretary, Children's Writers & Illustrators Group, The Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London SW10 9SB. T: 020 7373 6642, F: 020 7373 5768

### **Children's Writers and Illustrators Group Conference**

#### **Robinson College, Cambridge, Friday 29th August - Sunday 31st August 2008**

**Speakers** at the 2008 conference will include: David Almond, Laurence Anholt, Anthony Browne, Polly Dunbar, Julia Eccleshare, Nicolette Jones, Marks, William Nicholson and the Children's Laureate Michael Rosen.

We will hold **debates** on the perils of reviewing; a frank look at the current state of the book market; the interaction between children's publishing and other art forms (e.g. Hollywood).

**Workshops/Parallel Sessions** will include: how to cope with school visits, taboos, from picture book to cartoon film, how to survive as a poet, literary agents, working in remote areas of Australia, publicity, how to manage time, story-boarding, bringing back op books, an illustrator's view on schools and festivals, the man from the DTI and much more.

**Outings:** chauffeured punting, Lucy Boston's magical house and garden, Althea's glass studio. An on-site Heffers bookshop will stock delegates' and speakers' books. Exhibitions will include Scope and MA students in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin, Cambridge School of Art.

**Venue:** Robinson College, Cambridge a modern college set near the Backs so walking into the centre of Cambridge is a joy - a ten minute stroll along a footpath takes one directly to King's College.

Robinson opened in 1981, built to a high architectural standard with specially commissioned John Piper windows magnificently displayed in the chapel. A bridge over Bin Brook links the new college buildings to the old Thorneycreek gardens of the 1890s. The wide lawns, small lake, informal woodland, mature trees and borders combine to blend old and new in a peaceful setting.

The standard of catering is excellent and if the weather is glorious you can take your breakfast or lunch outside. Rarely, for a Cambridge college, you can walk on the grass.

All accommodation is en-suite and comfortable with the lecture theatre, dining hall, exhibition area and bedrooms all within the same central space..

#### **Getting there**

Travelling to Robinson is simple. Parking will be available for all delegates and from the motorway there is no need to negotiate Cambridge town centre. There is a frequent and quick train service from London and the college is a short taxi-ride from the station.

#### **Bookings**

Please download a booking form and send to: CWIG Conference 08, The Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, London, SW10 9SB together with payment details.

Queries to Enid Stephenson by email at [enid.stephenson@gmail.com](mailto:enid.stephenson@gmail.com)

If you don't wish to put credit card details on paper please telephone the office on 020 7373 6642.

All bookings will be acknowledged.

#### **Prices**

##### **Full Residential (Friday early evening to Sunday afternoon):**

Members £255 + VAT= **£299.62**

Non Members £295 + VAT = **£346.62**

##### **Non Residential (Saturday and Sunday only, includes all meals except breakfast):**

Members £160 + VAT= **£188**

Non Members £200 + VAT= **£235**

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Society of Authors'.

# Judy Moorhouse OBE



**Judy Moorhouse, Chair of the General Teaching Council for England (GTC), has been awarded an OBE in this year's Queen's birthday honours.**

Commenting, GTC Chief Executive Keith Bartley said:

'It's wonderful that Judy's commitment to education and

equality of opportunity for all has been recognised in this way.

'Judy's energy and passion have involved her in many national roles in education, while still retaining her role as a class teacher in North Yorkshire. She has served as a youth worker and worked on the international stage on behalf of teachers and learners in the Commonwealth. She is a constant advocate on matters of equality and human rights.

'Judy's dedication to young people shines through her time as a Council member of the GTC and more recently as Council Chair. She is a champion of the GTC Achieve network, devoted to promoting racial equality in schools. She is a tireless supporter of teachers being able to access high quality professional development, helping them support their pupils to fulfil their potential.'

## Christine Blower

Christine Blower the Acting General Secretary of the Union will be the guest speaker at the North Yorkshire Divisional Meeting.

The meeting which is open to all NUT Members is to be held at 11am at the Crescent Hotel, Scarborough on Saturday 12 July 2008.

Christine will be speaking about a number of issue including the Union's salary campaign.

## Just Qualified Seminars

In July 2007 the NUT Continuing Professional Development Programme ran a very successful series of one day seminars on behaviour management for teachers who had just qualified.

A similar programme has been organised for this year.

In the Northern Region a seminar will be held at Van Mildert College and the College of St Hild & St Bede, University of Durham on 8 July 2008.

All of the seminars across England and Wales are currently over subscribed!

## Durham Miners' Gala

The 124<sup>th</sup> Durham Miners' Gala is to take place in Durham City in Saturday 12 July 2008.

Last year more than 40,000 people attended the Gala.

The Northumberland NUT is proposing to join the procession, which runs through the City to the racecourse, with the regional banner .

Any NUT Member wishing to attend should join our colleagues from Northumberland in Millennium Place which is just near the Gala Theatre at 9.30am.

Should you require any further information then please contact Regional Office.

## Welcome back Margaret

Many colleagues will remember Margaret John who was the Divisional Secretary of the North Yorkshire's Teacher's Association

Margaret has returned and is one of the team of case workers established by the Association to support and assist all members throughout North Yorkshire.

## Situations Vacant

Sarah Wray  
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**Sent:** 18 June 2008 09:34

**To:** Northern Region NUT

**Subject:** Sourcing teachers through the NUT  
Hello

I am contacting the NUT regarding the possibility of sourcing some teachers to help us create some learning resources.

We are a new business and we are going to create downloadable audio content for GCSE students, which can be purchased and downloaded from our website. We will initially cover the 9 most popular GCSE subjects, namely Design and Technology, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Religious Education and Science.

We are looking for teachers with a specialism at GCSE level in of these subjects to help us create this content (they will, of course, be paid for this help).

As the NUT has such a large number of members I hoped it may be possible to work together in some way to source these teachers? Possibly through a small space in a newsletter or publication that you send to members?

We are interested in current teachers as well as retired teachers, supply teachers or anyone else with recent GCSE teaching experience.

## Academies Update Northumberland

The Emmanuel School's Foundation intends opening an Academy in Blyth in September 2009. In the Ashington area the Duke of Northumberland is also hoping to establish an Academy with the support of the Church of England.

The NUT remains totally opposed to Academies, as they represent an erosion of local accountability – working outside of the Local Authority.

# Show Racism the Red Card

by Ged Grebby UK Project Co-ordinator

The 2007-8 season was officially the most successful season in the history of our campaign with more posters produced, events at clubs and community education work than ever before. We are now working on our Annual Review for this period, which we hope to have finished for July 2008. We managed to cap a brilliant season for our anti-racist campaign with a fantastic event at 10 Downing Street with our patrons, supporters and sponsors.

Work is progressing well on our four new films:

1. A film in conjunction with Fifpro the international players' union called Racism and the Beautiful game". This DVD will be used by players' unions around the world to promote ideas on how football can combat racism.
2. A film and education pack to combat the growth of Islamophobia in society.
3. An updated version of our

Show Racism the Red Card DVD. 4. A new Scottish Show Racism the Red Card DVD.

The aim is to have all four films finished and ready to launch for the beginning of the new season in August.

We have had an excellent response from footballers, football clubs and managers and the prospect of having all these new resources available to us with education packs by September 2008 means this is going to be a very exciting year for our organisation.

My thanks go to all our staff, volunteers, management committee and patrons who have worked so hard to make this season such a successful one for our campaign.

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

There will be four Show Racism the Red Card community festivals in North East England this summer:

### Sunday 6th July - FERRYHILL IS UNITED

Dean Bank Recreation Ground, Ferryhill, County Durham, DL17 8PP. 11am-5pm to be followed with a Hope not Hate music festival from 5pm-8pm.

### Saturday 19th July - WALKER IS UNITED

The Lightfoot Centre, Wharrier Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3BR. 10am-3pm.

### Sunday 27th July - WALLSEND IS UNITED

Burnside Business and Enterprise College, St Peters Road, Wallsend NE28 7LQ. 10am-3pm.

### Sunday 10th August - SUNDERLAND TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM (STAR) FESTIVAL

Raich Carter Centre, Commercial Road, Sunderland, SR2 8PD. 11am-4pm.

If you require any more information please contact Sarah Soyei at [sarah@theredcard.org](mailto:sarah@theredcard.org)

## Not only the biggest, but also the best!

### Why choose the NUT? Here are ten good reasons to join us

1. The NUT is the largest and most influential teachers' organisation in England and Wales.
2. The NUT seeks professional unity: one teachers' organisation to speak for the whole profession.
3. The NUT provides access to a first rate legal service through its network of experienced and qualified staff, including practising solicitors in its offices throughout the English regions and in Wales to give immediate cover to teachers in trouble – legal and professional advice, guidance and support.
4. The NUT has a network of representatives working on a voluntary basis to represent members in schools, colleges, services and units throughout England and Wales.
5. The NUT offers a wide range of high quality, good value benefits and services from endorsed suppliers.
6. The NUT offers its members a range of opportunities for high quality training and professional development in a 'no threat, no blame' climate.
7. The NUT is a trade union and a professional association, working on professional and curricular issues as well as teachers' conditions of service and pay.
8. The NUT recruits qualified teachers or those who are on courses or in posts that will lead to teacher qualification, so it is best placed to speak on behalf of the profession.
9. The NUT has a long and proud tradition of campaigning for equal opportunities for teachers and for pupils.
10. The NUT is affiliated to the TUC but not to any political party so it can speak freely and independently to the Government.

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### Our Aim:

**One Union for all teachers**

