

East Riding Division
National Union of Teachers
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Dear East Riding NUT Member,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017. I hope all NUT members had a well-earned break, and I wish you all the very best for the New Year. I have kept this newsletter brief as I know how busy teachers are at this time of year. For regular updates on what's happening in the East Riding, please visit our Facebook page [here](#) or log onto our website [here](#).

Elections

Every year, the NUT locally elects officers to run the Division and take on various tasks in support of our members. To see who the current officers are, go to the Contacts page on our website. The NUT is a democratic organisation and all officer positions are up for election each year. If you wish to be a nominated for an officer role, send your name, membership number and contact details to myself or Sarah Sheen. You will need an NUT member to nominate you and another NUT member to second you (again membership numbers and contact details will be required). If there is more than one candidate for a role, an election will take place. The deadline for nominations is midnight on 14th January.

East Riding Campaign Stalls

This government's policies are a disaster for the vast majority of our children:

- **Government spending cuts mean:** class sizes up; less individual attention for children; fewer subject choices for your child; teachers and support staff being cut or not replaced.
- **Grammar schools mean:** segregation at 11; selection for the few; rejection for the many.

Our next stall will be on Saturday 7th January @ 10:00 in Beverley. We are planning to run stalls throughout the East Riding in 2017, to engage with the public on the above issues. Previous stalls have been very successful, with many members of the public showing support and signing petitions – and large numbers of concerned citizens expressing surprise at the shocking reality caused by government policy. ***Please join us: contact me or any of the East Riding officers to express interest.***

This is Hull! Rock Against Racism Posters UK Tour

A reminder that the This is Hull! Rock Against Racism Posters UK Tour hits Hull next month. The exhibition is reaching new audiences at a time when it's message of hope not hate is as relevant now as it ever has been. Sponsored by East Riding NUT, the posters will be on display in Wyke College in February and March, inspiring students to get involved in creative activities that promote tolerance, equality, and respect for human rights.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Saturday 21st January at 10:00 am @ The Tiger Inn, Beverley. The agenda will be sent out next week. Remember, everyone is welcome; you don't need to be a rep. A free lunch and a drink is provided for all who attend. Hope to see you there. In the meantime,

you can find news, photographs, blogs, and contact details for all East Riding NUT officers, at our website: <http://www.eastridingnut.org/>

Best regards,

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