



BALLOT FOR POSITION OF TUI PRESIDENT - CANDIDATE PROFILE

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TEACHERS' UNION OF IRELAND / AONTAS MÚINTEOIRÍ ÉIREANN

JOANNE IRWIN

As the current Vice-President, I have gained invaluable experience that equips me fully to be President of TUI. I am a second level teacher of Business and ICT employed by Donegal ETB. I have taught in second level mainstream, adult education, BTEI, VTOS, community education, further education, Youthreach and at third level.

As Vice-President, I:

- was an integral member of TUI's Junior Cycle core negotiating team
- represent TUI on the JC Implementation Committee
- vigorously advocated the Union strategy of talking and taking industrial action, including strike action
- campaigned against the Lansdowne Road Agreement, which failed to address discrimination against new teachers in terms of income, low hours and insecure contracts, and other issues, such as the 33 Croke Park hours
- support the industrial action taken by members in IoTs in opposition to forced mergers
- represent the TUI at various meetings with SOLAS, NCCA, ETBI, HEA and at national negotiation meetings with the DES, DPER and the Minister for Education and Skills
- lobby politicians and conduct media interviews regarding the Technological Universities Bill and Junior Cycle

As President, I will:

- prioritise the campaign for income parity for new entrant teachers
- further highlight the precarious and casualised employment of many teachers/lecturers
- demand the restoration of PORs
- resist forced mergers of Institutes and oppose the current Technological Universities Bill
- oppose unsustainable workload
- campaign for the repeal of FEMPI
- reject privatisation of education
- ensure consultation mechanisms with SOLAS and QQI
- improve the terms of employment of Youthreach members
- insist that apprenticeship programmes at phase 4 and 6 remain within the IoT sector
- seek a conversion process for existing qualified staff in FET who are paid and treated as 'unqualified'
- highlight the effects of student indiscipline
- assert TUI as a campaigning Union that is willing to talk but able to act
- forge strong working relationships with other teaching unions and IFUT
- work to involve young members in the Union
- ensure that TUI communicates with members using a redesigned, accessible website and interactive social media presence
- improve training at all levels of the Union
- assert, in the public domain and through the media, the professionalism and commitment of teachers and lecturers and the value to society of our work

For more details on my priorities and my work for TUI please visit my TUI Presidential Campaign Facebook page or twitter @joannebirwin

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As your TUI Vice-President, please vote for me in the TUI Presidential Election. Thank you.



Ballot material will be posted out to all centres on Monday, May 9th 2016. Completed ballot papers must be returned to auditors Deloitte by 5pm, Tuesday, May 24th 2016.