



BALLOT FOR POSITION OF TUI VICE-PRESIDENT CANDIDATE PROFILE

FEBRUARY 2025

TEACHERS' UNION OF IRELAND / AONTAS MÚINTEOIRÍ ÉIREANN

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I am a teacher of English at Second Level and QQI Communications Post Leaving Certificate in Galway Community College, a dual provision DEIS school. I have been teaching in Ireland for over 20 years and entered the profession as a mature student after a successful career in Retail Management.

Within my school I have been both Workplace Organiser and Workplace Committee member. I have served as both Branch Secretary and Branch Chair for Galway City and over the years have supported all members; both those in Second Level and Further Education with individual issues and at a broader GRETB level as Staff Rep on the board.

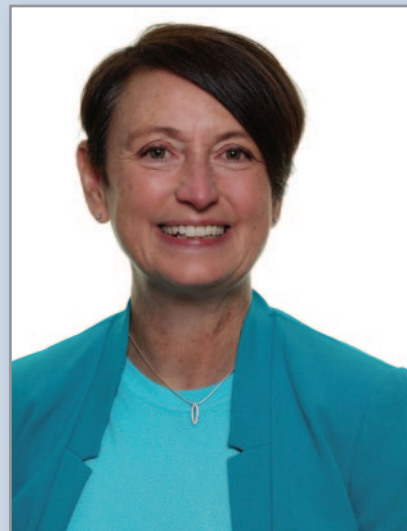
I am currently the TUI Area 11 Representative for the Galway and Mayo regions and the TUI nominee on the Teaching Council. Presently I am a TUI nominee on the Leaving Certificate English NCCA Group for Senior Cycle Redevelopment. In all these pivotal roles I am representing your views and have your best interests as my main objective.

We are currently facing a crisis in Education across all sectors; Second Level, FET and Third Level. Excessive workloads that are increasing year on year; pay that does not match the level of our workload; chronic underfunding; lack of adequate resources; erosion of our working conditions and a complete disregard for national agreements.

I am committed to upholding the high standards of education in this country. The current redevelopment of Senior Cycle is moving too rapidly, and it needs to slow down and focus on getting it right. Not change for the sake of change but meaningful, educationally sound reform.

The constant battle in all levels to have our voice heard and for real consultation to take place is never-ending. A strong position by TUI is needed when faced with management that does not listen, that does not consult and that does not adhere to national agreements, circular letters and our terms and conditions of work. We need to take a stand and act like a Trade Union as I did as Area Rep in a local ballot of members for industrial action in response to a failure to follow the Teacher Transfer Agreement 1999. The resulting backdown by management shows that we can fight back, and we can make a difference.

I ask you to vote for me - A Voice for Education: Working for You



Ballot material will be posted out to all centres on Monday, 24th February 2025.

Completed ballot papers must be returned to auditors Deloitte by 5pm, Friday, 21st March 2025.