

# Durham Local Government **UNISON** Bulletin

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## **Schools Edition**

### **Message from Dave Prentis, General Secretary, UNISON**

Dear Durham Teaching Assistants,

Your campaign has been long and hard fought. You have rallied, campaigned, marched and gone on strike in your thousands. Your local council has been brought back to the negotiating table, as teaching assistants had reasonably requested.

Thanks to you – all of you – talks are now underway that offer the prospect of a real deal. And the progress in these talks is being driven by your union UNISON, with the involvement of your teaching assistant reps.

This vital work includes the detailed development of new job descriptions that will more accurately represent the work you do and the skills you use each and every day. That's crucial in ensuring you receive the pay you deserve.

Your union will continue to work hard to get a good deal for teaching assistants, and will continue to stand with you to ensure the vital work you do in the classroom is recognised.

You will always have my personal commitment to your cause, alongside the wider support of your union, until this fight is over.

In solidarity,

**Dave Prentis**  
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