# Durham Local Government UNISON Bulletin

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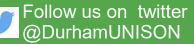
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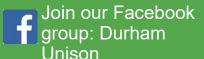
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# Schools Edition

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the actions UNISON has been carrying out since the result of the ballot.

# **Assimilation Appeals**

Durham County Council has updated the New Era website to include details of the appeal process for Teaching Assistants who feel they were assimilated into the incorrect job role under the Council's proposal.

UNISON has written to members who have previously contacted us regarding this issue in order to provide guidance, collate and monitor the appeals of our members. The deadline for submitting an appeal is 17th November.

Before submitting an appeal, we strongly advise you contact us for advice and support by emailing: Durham.TAs@unison.co.uk

# **Cluster Meetings**

We have written to UNISON members inviting them to a further series of cluster meetings. These will focus on prioritising those TAs who need the most support and finding individual solutions.

We have begun visiting schools and are taking forward possible solutions for TAs.

UNISON TA reps have met with the Council this week to discuss priorities for the Teaching Assistants Career Progression Board.

As your union we will be with you every step of the way to find ways of eliminating potential pay cuts, and to ensure that this deal is implemented fairly and consistently across all schools.

Thinking of joining, contact us in the branch or you can join on line at <a href="https://www.joinunison.org">www.joinunison.org</a>