

Durham Local Government UNISON Bulletin

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Schools Edition

Further to previous updates, we wanted to let you know about the current progress of negotiations with Durham County Council.

There have been several meetings with your UNISON Teaching Assistants who are members of the TA workstream, in order to provide detailed feedback and comments on the new job descriptions being developed. It is vital that UNISON TAs are involved as this recognises the importance of involving the people who are doing the jobs to ensure the new job descriptions adequately reflect the responsibilities and skills required for each role.

This detailed work has resulted in new job descriptions, which will need to be evaluated to determine the respective grades.

UNISON are continuing to meet with the Council and TA representatives to discuss all the issues which need to be considered as part of the detailed negotiations. UNISON is committed with the Council to finding a resolution to this dispute as a matter of urgency.

On 25th March, Teaching Assistants have organised a solidarity rally in order to ensure visibility of this issue is maintained.

The arrangements are as follows: meet in Millenium Square, Durham (outside the Gala Theatre) from 12pm then leave the square at 12.45 to march to the Miners' Hall, Redhills, with a rally starting at Redhills at 2pm.

UNISON will keep you up to date with further details and events — please pass this on to your colleagues.

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