

# Peterborough Association Pensions Newsletter



***NUT ballot result: 92% say YES to strike action***

## NUT calls national strike for June 30<sup>th</sup>

### 800,000 to strike as ATL, UCU and PCS join us

The NUT and ATL have called a national strike on Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>, which will take place in conjunction with UCU and PCS unions.

The decision follows the ballot in which members voted overwhelmingly to support strike action as part of our campaign to defend our pension scheme.

The NUT ballot showed 92% voting in favour of strike action on a turnout of 40%; this is the best ballot result the Union has had since postal balloting was introduced. In the ATL ballot result 83% voted for action on a turnout of 35%. Both results together mean that twice as many teachers have voted for action to defend their pensions as did in 2008 when the NUT balloted on pay.

These results send a very clear message to the government that our members are determined to fight to defend our pension scheme.

It is clear from this vote that the government has not won the argument that we must sacrifice our pension scheme in order to balance the deficit created by the banking system.

**So strong is this feeling that the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) has now agreed to ballot for strike action in the autumn.**

The ballot result is an endorsement of the Union's strategy to ballot whilst negotiations are still taking place.

We hope the government will now recognise the depth of feeling on this issue and withdraw the current proposals and carry out a proper valuation of the Teacher Pension Scheme before bringing any proposals.

The NUT is now calling on all members to support the strike and support your local demonstration.

### You voted YES – now strike and join the demonstration.



**NUT pension loss calculator**  
[www.teachers.org.uk/pensions](http://www.teachers.org.uk/pensions)

Thousands of members have been shocked at how much they will lose, but these figures are now an underestimate

**“The price of this financial crisis is being borne by people who absolutely did not cause it. Now is the period when the cost is being paid and I'm surprised that the degree of public anger has not been greater than it has.”**

*Mervyn King (Governor of Bank of England)  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2011*

#### **Are we still negotiating with the government?**

**Negotiate** v. “confer with another party with a view to reaching compromise or agreement.” **Oxford English Dictionary**

- Neither the NUT, nor the ATL, has walked away from negotiations with the government.
- We will continue to play a full part in negotiations.
- The government say they are negotiating but then say their proposed changes will happen anyway.

## JOIN US ON THE DAY

### Peterborough Static Rally 10am-11am

**Assemble: 10:00am Laxton Square  
(opposite the Passport Office)  
PE1 1UQ**

11.15 am walk to Millenium Centre Dickens Street off Eastfield Road PE15GD for a meeting and refreshments. (Ample parking available here in close walking distance to Laxton Square.)

**Bring banners and placards if you can.**

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