

### Get the word out

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- The Women Chainmakers Festival:  
12 July 2015 – [here](#).
- Anthony Walker Memorial Lecture –  
16 October 2015 – [here](#).
- Black Teachers' Conference:  
13-15 November 2015 – apply [here](#).

- Disabled Teachers' Conference:  
28 November 2015 – apply [here](#).

Alert all members to the Union's equality conferences and encourage delegates from your division/association to attend.

For more information visit:  
[www.teachers.org.uk/events](http://www.teachers.org.uk/events)

### Celebrating NUT Women

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Inspired by the Women's Reception at annual conference 2015, there will be a dedicated space on the website to celebrate women who, in the view of other members, deserve recognition for their work. We already have some names from the conference but would like to increase the list further.

Please **send us** the names of any women in your division/association who have been inspiring to others in relation to Union activity.

We need to know their name, the name of the person or division nominating them, their division or association, and the reason why they are being nominated (no more than 30 words).

Once permission has been granted by the nominee we will display the names and their inspiring work on the website with the aim of motivating other NUT women to get more involved at all levels of the Union.

### Anti-racism materials for teachers

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Information about a range of anti-racist educational materials which the NUT has produced in collaboration with other organisations including: Islamophobia/Safe Space (Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC)); No Place For Hate (SRtRC); Anti-Racism Educational Film (SRtRC); and Racist and Religious Hate Crime (Crown Prosecution Service), are available [here](#).

The NUT has produced an anti-racism flyer. Encourage members in your area to find out about and get involved with anti-racist campaigns. You can also share your ideas and stories about anti-racist education at [equality@nut.org.uk](mailto:equality@nut.org.uk).

The flyer and information about how to access the other materials is available [here](#).

## Union Civile consultation and equal marriage

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Members in Guernsey are encouraged to respond to the consultation on equal marriage at [www.gov.gg/unioncivile](http://www.gov.gg/unioncivile).

## Catch up with Pride events 2015

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The NUT participates in a number of Pride events across the country each year. The Union's presence at Pride events sends out a message of solidarity to all LGBT teachers and students.

**Brighton Pride** is taking place on **Saturday, 1 August 2015**. The theme is '*Carnival of Diversity*'. The NUT bus and Samba Band will be participating in the parade again this year. For further information about getting involved please contact Dan Thompson at: [d.thompson@nut.org.uk](mailto:d.thompson@nut.org.uk).

**Newcastle Pride –**  
**Sponsored by NUT Northern Region**

Join the NUT on Saturday 18 July 2015 from 11.00am onwards at Newcastle Civic Centre for the Pride Parade to the Town Moor.

Newcastle Pride returns for its 8th year on 17, 18 & 19 July on the Town Moor. The NUT will have a stall at Exhibition Park from 1.00-5.00pm on Saturday and 10.30-4.00pm on Sunday. **If you would like to assist with the NUT stall please contact Ian Grayson [here](#)**. Full details of Newcastle Pride can be found [here](#).

**South West Pride** events are listed below:

- Pride in Plymouth: 8 August
- Swindon: 8 August
- Truro: 29 August
- Totnes: 5 September

### Channel Island Pride

On **12 September 2015** the first Channel Island Pride will take place in Jersey. NUT South West Region will be represented at the event. Please encourage members to join them if they can.

For further information about all of the **South West Pride** events, contact Sarah Allen-Melvin, South West Regional Organiser, at [s.allen-melvin@nut.org.uk](mailto:s.allen-melvin@nut.org.uk).

If you are interested in finding out more about the Union's involvement in Pride please contact us on [equality@nut.org.uk](mailto:equality@nut.org.uk) or talk to your local association or division secretary for information about local events.

## Good to know

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Did you know that ....

- The month of June was chosen for LGBT Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. As a result, many pride events are held during this month to recognise the impact LGBT people have had in the world.
- Brenda Howard is known as the "*Mother of Pride*", for her work in coordinating the first LGBT Pride march. She also originated the idea for a week-long series of events around Pride Day which became the genesis of the annual LGBT Pride celebrations that are now held around the world every June.

## Engage members

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Things to do this term:

1. Speak to your division/association secretary about sending delegates to the NUT's Black Teachers' and Disabled Teachers' Conferences. We would like to see representatives from as many divisions/associations as possible represented at the conferences.
2. Disseminate the '**Racism on the Rise: Education is the Answer**' leaflet and encourage members to use the materials listed in furthering anti-racist work in their schools.
3. Remind members and school reps about:
  - Black History Month coming up in October. For further information and resources go to [www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk).

- UK Disability History Month (22 November-22 December) – *Portrayal of Disability: Then and Now*. Examining the way disability and disabled people have been portrayed in literature, pictures, sculpture, photographs, advertising, journalism, media and film in past periods and now. For further information go [here](#).

Schools/colleges and divisions should start thinking about planning activities for both now. Please ask members and school reps to let us know about any activities that they have carried out in school/college in the past for equality history months or are planning for this year by emailing [equality@nut.org.uk](mailto:equality@nut.org.uk). We would also like to hear about any activities that you have planned for the division/association.

## Learning from each other

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Tell us what you are doing in your region/division/association by emailing [equality@nut.org.uk](mailto:equality@nut.org.uk)

- **Brighton Pride Samba Band – 1 August:**  
This year, for the first time at Brighton Pride, the NUT will be bringing a samba band. The band, made up of NUT members from across the South East, will be adding to the parade theme of "*Carnival of Diversity*". A workshop led by Ed Finch of Oxfordshire division will be taking place in Haywards Heath on the 18th of July for everyone to hone their samba skills.

The NUT will also be taking their bus on the parade which will be decorated with carnival skirts this year showing the Union's

commitment to equality. This will be a great event at pride and really make us stand out. For more information contact [d.thompson@nut.org.uk](mailto:d.thompson@nut.org.uk)

- **Northamptonshire Women's Network – 7 July** – The inaugural Northants Women's Network meeting was held on 7 July in Wellingborough. Speakers included Louise Raw author of '*Strike a Light*' and Kiri Tunks from the London Women's Network. For further information about future meetings of the Network members should contact Sophi Berridge at [s.berridge@nut.org.uk](mailto:s.berridge@nut.org.uk)
- **Leicester NUT Black Teachers' Network – 2 July** – The first meeting of the Leicester Black Teachers' Network took place on 2 July.

## Learning Opportunities

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### Aspiring to leadership

Designed specifically to support teachers of African, African Caribbean and Asian heritage in their second to fifth years of teaching. This two-day seminar will enable you to develop skills in planning your route map to leadership, your leadership skills and your awareness of career development options.

- 20 and 21 November 2015 (non-residential) – London

FREE for NUT members and £150 for non-members

Go [here](#) to apply.

### Equal Access to Promotion

Equal Access to Promotion is a development programme specifically designed for Black and minority ethnic teachers which aims to increase their influence as leaders in school in order to impact on student learning and wellbeing.

- 23 and 24 October 2015 – residential, Stoke Rochford Hall

Follow-up seminar: Monday 13 June 2016 – London

FREE for NUT members and £150 for non-members

For further details and to apply go [here](#).

### Narrowing the gaps

This two day course focuses on what research tells us makes the most difference to the life chances of children and young people: Quality First Teaching. Day 1 is an opportunity to consider the research around truly inclusive Quality First Teaching, debunk some myths

around differentiation and explore a simple model for the inclusive classroom. Day 2 is an introduction to The Narrowing the Gaps Pedagogy Project, which supports teachers to address progress and attainment inequalities between different groups of learners.

- 12 and 13 October 2015 – residential, Stoke Rochford Hall

FREE for NUT members and £100 for non-members

More details are available [here](#).

### International solidarity learning and development

A course for NUT members who are or who want to be more active and engaged in global issues. By the end of the course, participants will:

- have begun to plan and organise international solidarity projects and campaigns;
  - have enhanced knowledge and skills related to teaching and learning about global issues; and
  - have the skills and confidence to take on or to develop the role of the International Solidarity Officer.
- 9-11 October – residential (informal start Friday evening with dinner, course starts early on Saturday morning) Stoke Rochford Hall

FREE

Apply [here](#).