

UniteELT

The Union for English Language Teachers in Ireland
A branch of Unite the Union, Ireland

Grafton College Closure -

We stand in solidarity, we win for teachers.

We stood in protest, we rallied in support, we lobbied TDs and we will continue to fight for real change.

Our fellow teachers at Grafton College were owed a month's pay following the overnight closure of the school. We held a rally outside Grafton College in solidarity with teachers who had been left without wages following the sudden closure of the school. Within days, our members organised a table quiz which raised over €1000 for the Grafton teachers. Unite branches across Ireland donated towards the hardship fund. All in all over €4000 was raised and the ELT branch were able to pay each teacher a token amount to help them through this difficult time.

Due in no small part to the power of the collective action of teachers and the hard work of Unite, in particular Roy Hassey, amendments to the QQA legislation suggested by Unite were passed by the Seanad. It's now up to you to put pressure on your TD to ensure this legislation passes into law. For more information, join us at our next branch meeting.

We push Minister to commit to first ever mediation for ELT

Minister Mary Mitchell O Connor has committed to mediation to ensure new minimum employment standards for ELTs. This is the first time the department has committed to mediation.

Representatives from the Unite ELT branch and Unite officials have already met with Government mediator for ELT, Patrick King, to discuss improving working conditions for all ELTs. Mr King will meet with employer and employee representative bodies to explore a set of minimum employment standards that could be agreed. These standards form the basis of a registered employment agreement, which would be agreed to by Unite and employers, registered by the Labour Court and legally binding and enforceable.

This engagement with the ELT branch is down to the hard work of activists, branch members, and all the teachers who speak with our collective voice for change. If you want to take part in the mediation process, you can email elemediation@education.gov.ie to give your account of how our profession needs to change.

Unite ELT Branch 5010 – Winning for ELTs

Unite Education courses – Organising for Power

The Unite ELT branch, in conjunction with Trademark, ran a bespoke training course designed for ELT activists. The course, which was designed by Steve Nolan of Trademark in conjunction with the ELT branch, covered the history of the ELT activist movement, the Unite ELT Branch 10-point Charter, union recognition, the importance of unions and organising workplaces, and much more. The course was well attended by members and activists from across the country. If you are interested in attending any of Unite's education courses, including the workplace reps training course, contact the branch secretary or come along to our next branch meeting.

ELT Branch Open Meeting 11-3-19 @ 5.30pm All English Language Teachers Welcome!

The next meeting of the ELT branch will be an open meeting, which means all teachers, union members and non-union members, are welcome to attend. Our branch is different - many of us are precarious workers, many of us have zero-hour or no contracts, a lot of us have never been members of trade unions before. We are dedicated teachers collectively fighting for better conditions. We invite you to join us, take part, see how we work and get an understanding of the strength of collective action and worker solidarity. The meeting will be held in the Unite building, 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1. We hope to see you there!



- Solidarity protest for Grafton teachers Dec. 2018 -

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