

# International Officer

## Role Description

## Role Purpose

The International Officer leads Dorset NEU's work on global solidarity, international education issues, and connections with trade union and human rights campaigns worldwide. The role promotes awareness of international struggles affecting educators and learners, strengthens Dorset NEU's engagement with NEU global solidarity priorities, and helps members understand how international issues connect with local organising and union values.

## Key Responsibilities

### 1. International Solidarity & Representation

- Act as Dorset NEU's lead representative on international issues, ensuring global solidarity work is reflected in district discussions, planning and campaigns.
- Promote NEU national international priorities, including solidarity with educators facing conflict, occupation, oppression, or attacks on trade union rights.
- Represent Dorset NEU in regional or national international networks, meetings, or briefings as appropriate.

### 2. Communication & Member Engagement

- Share information with Dorset NEU members about international campaigns, global education justice issues, and opportunities for involvement.
- Highlight how international struggles relate to union values such as peace, equality, democracy and human rights.
- Encourage participation in NEU international solidarity actions, appeals, online events and campaigns.

### 3. Events, Campaigns & Awareness Raising

- Help organise Dorset NEU events, briefings or educational sessions focused on international issues (e.g., solidarity days, speaker sessions, themed meetings).
- Promote NEU materials, films, resources and campaign packs related to global justice, anti-racism, anti-colonialism, and peace education.
- Support national NEU international appeals and fundraising initiatives when appropriate.

### 4. Links with Wider Organisations

- Maintain links with NEU-supported organisations and campaigns working on international solidarity, education rights and humanitarian issues.
- Encourage Dorset NEU members to connect with and learn from international trade union partners and solidarity groups.

### 5. Reporting & Monitoring

- Provide updates at Dorset NEU meetings on international issues, campaigns and opportunities for involvement.
- Share emerging global issues relevant to educators or the trade union movement.
- Feed Dorset perspectives and activity into regional or national NEU international structures.

## 6. Collaboration

- Work closely with the Dorset NEU District Secretary, Equality Officer, Post-16 Officer, Support Staff Officer and other district officers where international issues overlap with equality, organising or educational justice.
- Collaborate with the Regional Office and national NEU international team as needed.

## Skills & Attributes

- Interest in global justice, international education, peace and human rights.
- Strong communication skills and enthusiasm for raising awareness among members.
- Ability to link global issues to local union values and campaigning.
- Willingness to learn about NEU international work and build connections.
- Commitment to NEU principles of equality, solidarity and collective organisation.

## Time Commitment

- Attendance at Dorset NEU meetings.
- Regular engagement with NEU international briefings, networks and campaign updates.
- Participation in relevant training, regional sessions or national international events when possible.