

# Gateshead UNISON Bulletin

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## Annual General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

School and education staff are Unison's biggest membership group – so why do very few school-based members attend our AGM? Probably because many think the meetings will be based around civic centre issues which aren't relevant to them. If you think this is the case – have a look at this year's guest speakers;

### Angela Rayner MP



Before becoming an MP, Angela had risen through the ranks of UNISON, serving at the grass roots as Branch Secretary for Stockport Council before being elected to represent 200,000 public sector workers across the North West. **She is now the Shadow Secretary of State for Education**

In a recent interview Angela said "I was a NEET – not in education, employment or training – and I had no GCSEs at grade A to C; I had a baby at 16 and was told I would amount to nothing.

School, for me, was not a place where you went to be educated, but a place where you got away from your parents for a couple of hours while they got some respite from you, and where you were able to see your mates..."

Come and find out how her life experiences have shaped her views about education

### Karen Jackson



Karen Jackson is a **HLTA from Thomas Hepburn Community Academy**. Since 2013, Karen has been part of a national focus group for teaching assistants and in 2014, was selected by the Department for Education to be on the independent expert review panel to develop **professional standards for teaching assistants** which were published last year.

Last year, Karen was awarded the Clare Tierney Memorial Award for her contribution to the branch and for her work in raising the profile of Teaching Assistants nationally. She was also nominated for HLTA North's 'Outstanding HLTA of the Year'

### Ian Mearns MP



Ian is the MP for Gateshead and has been a **member of the Education Select Committee** since 2010. He is also **on the Governing Body of 2 Gateshead Schools**, Thomas Hepburn and Kelvin Grove Primary and was previously Chair of Governors of Joicey Road Special School.

### Cllr Martin Gannon



As well as being a Councillor for the Deckham ward of Gateshead, Cllr Gannon is also Leader of Gateshead Council with a strong interest in education. He is a governor at Cardinal Hume, Carr Hill and St Peters schools.

**WHEN: Friday 27th January 2017 - 5.15pm (Buffet from 4.45pm)**

**WHERE: Lamesley Room, Gateshead Civic Centre**

**Bar - Refreshments - Free Prize Draw**

**NON MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER UNIONS WELCOME TO LISTEN TO SPEAKERS**