

Working together for music education

A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS AND
THE MUSICIANS' UNION



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1. This agreement is based on the recognition of the absolute autonomy and constitutional independence of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the Musicians' Union (MU).
2. This agreement is also based upon the recognition that it is in the interests of music teachers (whether full or part-time, local authority or private sector employed), and the music service as a whole, that they join a trade union appropriate to the service.
3. The NUT and the MU resolve to work in partnership and in alliance to further the mutual interests of their respective members and to promote the education service in general, and music teaching in particular. The NUT is especially concerned to enable the MU to promote, publicise and lobby on its specialist concerns for the schools music service. The NUT would therefore seek to ensure that the MU has access to relevant NUT policy making committees.
4. Each union agrees to facilitate consideration within its own executive of relevant and appropriate proposals from the other and agrees to invite non-voting attendance for representatives at executive and committee meetings when appropriate. Similarly, the NUT shall encourage such exchange of representatives at local association level.
5. NUT associations where appropriately represented upon local education authority education committees and other policy making bodies shall assist MU in the promotion of its members' interests.
6. The NUT shall support the MU in achieving and maintaining effective representation on all relevant governmental, training and professional agencies.
7. Members of the MU with qualifications giving entitlement to NUT membership in their own right shall be admitted to such membership on payment of the appropriate local fee to the relevant local association. Members of the NUT undertaking appropriate work shall be admitted to MU membership on payment of a fee to be determined by the MU. These arrangements will be without prejudice to the separate provisions of this agreement concerning the provision of services from the NUT to the MU.
8. The NUT will take necessary steps to secure the inclusion of MU representation or involvement at national, regional or local level, as appropriate, in negotiations affecting the schools music service.

9. Each union reserves the right to make its own independent decisions in respect of industrial action and to sustain and promote such action independently of the other.
10. Each union shall offer observer status to two representatives at all of its national and special conferences at no cost to the host union.
11. The agreement shall be subject to one year's notice of termination from either of the participating unions.

Signed

Christine Blower
General Secretary, National Union of Teachers

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John F Smith
General Secretary, Musicians' Union

On **14 February 2011**

