

Elect ASTI members to the Teaching Council

Vote online February 24 – March 11

The term of office of the current Teaching Council comes to an end in April 2020. In advance of that date, elections for a new Teaching Council will be held from February 24th to March 11th.

The Teaching Council elections will be held online and all teachers registered on or before September 30th 2019 will receive a letter with voting instructions.

The ASTI has endorsed a number of teachers who are members of the ASTI to run in the Teaching Council elections.

The Teaching Council, which was established in 2006, is the regulatory body for teachers and its objectives include upholding standards in the teaching profession and in the professional development of teachers, and promoting the status of the teaching profession.

The Teaching Council is made up of 37 members, the majority of whom are serving teachers. Of 22 places reserved on the Council for registered teachers, six are nominated by the teacher unions (ASTI, TUI and INTO nominate two teachers each) and the remaining sixteen are elected by teachers. **Seven teachers are elected by second-level teachers.** See page 4 for electoral categories and constituencies.

ASTI endorsed candidates

The ASTI endorses candidates running in the second-level Teaching Council election constituencies. ASTI endorsed candidates are ASTI members who have applied for and received endorsement using criteria set down by ASTI Standing Committee.

ASTI endorsed candidates have committed to promoting the interests of ASTI members if elected.

VOTE FOR ASTI ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Teaching in the Community & Comprehensive sector?

ASTI members working in Community and Comprehensive schools have an opportunity to elect an ASTI member to represent them on the Teaching Council.

Miriam Duggan is the only ASTI-endorsed candidate contesting the Community and Comprehensive Schools' Constituency.

Miriam teaches in Rosmini Community School. She is a member of ASTI Standing Committee. Miriam is an experienced voice who has represented second-level teachers in various capacities over more than two decades. See Miriam's full profile on page 2.



VOTE FOR ASTI ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Constituency: Community and Comprehensive Schools – Leinster, Connaught, Munster, Ulster

MIRIAM DUGGAN

School: Rosmini Community School, Dublin

ASTI Branch: Dublin North



As a serving teacher, I understand the many demands that are placed on our profession. I am running for the Teaching Council because I believe in the importance of bringing the lived experience of classroom teachers to Council level. My colleagues have trusted me several times to represent their interests on our school's Board of Management, where I spent two years as Chair.

I have always worked to promote teachers' issues. Because fairness is a central value for me, I was co-founder of the ASTI Equality Committee which works to address inequalities in our profession.

I have served on the ASTI Safety, Health and Welfare Committee which aims to promote teacher welfare. As teachers, we work hard to support our students' wellbeing but often have little time to care about how we are coping. Our work can be highly demanding and stressful. It is not enough to encourage our professional and academic development - we must also work to foster our welfare. I welcome the Council's recent work in this area and would like to build on this; much more needs to be done.

If you elect me, I will be a strong voice for teachers' concerns.

Because teachers matter.

Miriam Duggan is the only ASTI-endorsed candidate contesting the Community and Comprehensive Schools' Constituency. In order to represent ASTI members in Community and Comprehensive schools, Miriam needs teachers in these schools to cast their votes. If you are teaching in a community or comprehensive school, please make sure you and your colleagues participate in the Teaching Council elections and vote for Miriam Duggan.

Use your vote to elect an ASTI member to the Teaching Council Community and Comprehensive Constituency.

Community and Comprehensive teachers:

Use your vote to elect an ASTI member in the Teaching Council Community and Comprehensive Constituency.

Vote for Miriam Duggan

Voting takes place online

Teachers who are registered with the Teaching Council will receive a letter with instructions and can vote on-line up to noon on March 11th.

Constituency: Voluntary Secondary Schools – Ireland South

Male Panel

SEÁN O'NEILL

School: St. Laurence College, Co. Dublin

ASTI Branch: Dublin South County



As there is no other candidate running for the Male Panel in this Constituency, Seán O'Neill is deemed elected.

Seán was previously elected to the Teaching Council in 2016. He initiated and worked on the setting up of Take Care of You – a support and information project by the Teaching Council for teachers facing personal, professional or financial crises, amongst other initiatives. Seán is also an ASTI activist at local and national level and is a member of the ASTI Executive.

Constituency: Voluntary Secondary Schools – Ireland South

Female Panel

KATHLEEN BURKE

School: *Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow*

ASTI Branch: *Carlow*



- From Co. Laois near the Carlow / Laois Border.
- Secondary School St. Leo's College, Carlow.
- Graduate St. Angela's College, Sligo. B.Ed. (Home Economics and Biology)
- M.Sc. Agr (Food Science) Masters of Science from UCD.
- Higher Diploma in Educational Management from NUI Maynooth.
- Teaching since 1994 in Counties Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny & Carlow in a variety of Educational Settings.
- Deputy Principal in Presentation De La Salle College.
- Active ASTI member, I have been Branch Secretary, CEC member and I am presently on the Principals and Deputy Principals Committee.
- I am a member of the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD) and I am involved in their Mentoring Programme for newly appointed Deputy Principals.
- If elected, I will strive to find ways to improve the recruitment and retention of newly qualified and experienced teachers in Ireland. This ongoing challenge facing all of the stakeholders within the Education system must be a priority for the Teaching Council. I will promote the work of the ASTI in improving the status of teachers, their working conditions and pay. I have a particular interest in ongoing Teacher Professional Development and Teacher Induction programmes through my work as a Deputy Principal. Maintaining high standards in these programmes is essential to the development of our profession into the future. I am looking forward to contributing to the future development and formulation of Educational Policy.

Constituency: Voluntary Secondary Schools – Ireland South

Female Panel

PAULINE NAGLE

School: *Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna Co. Clare.*

ASTI Branch: *Clare*



I am an ASTI School Steward, Clare Branch Vice Chairperson and CEC Representative. I have been ASTI Representative on the NCCA Development Group for Science and am currently on the Chemistry Development Group. I have served on the Safety, Health and Welfare Committee and am currently on the Pensions Sub-Committee and the Education Committee. I will ensure that ASTI policy will always be adhered to. I would like to see a proper workable Policy put in place for Teachers' Wellbeing not just "lip service".

"Priority Areas

- CPD should foster the development of competences to facilitate quality learning and cater for educational priorities. At present, key national priority areas include: literacy; numeracy; ICT; inclusion.
- The Council will actively engage with teacher education providers in relation to the development of programmes of professional development aimed at up-skilling practising teachers in their subject content knowledge."

Teaching Council Website.

The above statement from the Teaching Council website is in stark contrast to the feedback I am receiving on the ground from fellow teachers in respect of the current JCT in service programme. Inadequate in-service, both in timing and quality by the JCT, increasing difficulty in delivering the new Junior Cycle programme as desired. I would like to see priority given to the intent of the above Teaching Council statement. I want the Teaching Council to actively engage with teachers, so that teachers feel they are getting some value for the money they pay to the Teaching Council each year.

The Voluntary Secondary School Ireland South Constituency: **Carlow, Clare, Cork, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Offaly, Tipperary, South Dublin, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow and the city of Dublin.**

Teachers registered to vote in the Voluntary Secondary School Ireland South Constituency have a vote for the Female Panel in the 2020 Teaching Council Elections.

VOTE FOR ASTI ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Constituency: Voluntary Secondary Schools – Ireland North

NIAL DUDDY

School: Presentation College, Athenry, Co. Galway

ASTI Branch: Galway



As one of the current Teaching Council representatives for voluntary secondary teachers in the provinces of Connacht, Munster & Ulster, I have proven my commitment to the cause of teachers, having a 100% record of attendance at all Council and Committee meetings of which I am a member since my 2016 election.

I have worked closely with my ASTI colleagues and colleagues from the other teaching unions at Council level in working towards our common goals for the profession, such as having no link between annual registration and undertaking CPD. Droichead has moved from being an evaluative to a non-evaluative process. However, there is unfinished business: teacher supply is an ongoing issue of concern; local complaints procedures must finally be placed on a statutory footing.

As the only ASTI-endorsed candidate running in the constituency of Ireland North, I ask for your number 1 vote so that I can continue to implement ASTI policy on behalf of colleagues, not only in my constituency, but throughout the country.

For more details on my work on the Teaching Council, find me on:

Facebook: facebook.com/niallduddyteachingcouncil

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Second-level Categories/Constituencies

Category 2: Post Primary Voluntary Secondary Schools Sector

Geographical Constituency	Area	Number to be elected	ASTI Endorsed Candidates
Ireland South	Carlow, Clare, Cork, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Offaly, Tipperary, South Dublin, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow and the city of Dublin.	1 male	Seán O'Neill (No contest – Seán O'Neill is deemed elected)
		1 female	Kathleen Burke Pauline Nagle
Ireland North	Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath.	1	Niall Duddy

Category 4: Post Primary Community and Comprehensive Sector

Geographical Constituency	Area	Number to be elected	ASTI Endorsed Candidate
Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster	All Counties	1	Miriam Duggan

For full information on categories and constituencies visit www.teachingcouncil.ie

For more information regarding the Teaching Council 2020 Election voting procedure, see <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/Council-Elections-2020/Voting/>

The Voluntary Secondary School Ireland North Constituency: **Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath.**

Category 1 is for electors who are registered to teach in a recognised primary school – there are nine seats for elected teachers. The ASTI has no endorsed candidate running for election in Category 1.

Category 3 is for electors who are registered to teach in an ETB school – there are three seats for elected teachers. The ASTI has no endorsed candidate running for election in Category 3.