

Elect ASTI Members to the Teaching Council

Vote online February 22nd – March 12th

The term of office of the current Teaching Council comes to an end in April 2024. In advance of this date, elections for a new Teaching Council will be held from February 22nd to March 12th (12 noon).

The Teaching Council elections will be held online and all teachers registered on or before 30th September 2023 will receive voting instructions via email in February.

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 8 for electoral categories and constituencies.

ASTI-Endorsed Candidates

The ASTI has endorsed a number of 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 the ASTI Standing Committee.**

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

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VOTE FOR ASTI-ENDORSED CANDIDATES



Elect the ASTI-endorsed candidate to the **Community and Comprehensive Constituency.**

Donal Cremin is the only ASTI-endorsed candidate contesting the **Community and Comprehensive Constituency.**

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Elect the ASTI-endorsed candidate to the **ETB Sector.** Ian Mc Colgan is the only ASTI-endorsed candidate contesting the **ETB Sector: Dublin and South Constituency.**

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IAN Mc COLGAN

ASTI-endorsed candidate

Sector:

Education and Training Boards (Post-Primary) sector

Constituency:

Dublin and South

For all second-level categories and constituencies see page 8.

IAN Mc COLGAN

Constituency: EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARDS SECTOR – DUBLIN AND SOUTH

School: Castleknock Community College, Dublin

ASTI Branch: Dublin North West

My Experience:

As Chairperson of ASTI Community and Comprehensive Advisory Committee, which also encompasses ASTI members working in ETB schools, I have sought to bring key issues to the wider union and create awareness of the complex and political manoeuvring that must be undertaken by School Stewards in a system of dual union schools.

I have been working with School Stewards/individual members on issues such as:

- Covid-19
- Online teaching timetables
- Stress from initiative overload
- SLAR meetings
- Sick leave for serious illness
- Health and safety (including mental health)
- Equality issues

As a member of the ASTI Central Executive Council, I have worked to protect the rights/working conditions of teachers, regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation.

My Key Priorities:

- Teaching Council must play a key role in evaluating impact of cultural/education changes on teaching. The long-term effects of changes/proposed changes on the teaching landscape must be analysed and predicted.
- Teaching Council must tackle status of/negative attitudes towards teachers. The culture that has developed over the years is seen by the profession as aggressive and negative towards serving teachers and needs to change. Key words – e.g., the heading “Fitness to Teach” on the website home page – do little to inspire confidence. There needs to be more respect and sensitivity, including towards those who run into difficulties.
- Reduce registration burden. Apart from exceptional circumstances, teachers should only have to provide necessary data once.
- Teachers’ right to be professional must include right to reasonable workload.
- No increase in registration fee.

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DONAL CREMIN

Constituency: COMMUNITY AND COMPREHENSIVE SECTOR

School: Scoil Phobail, Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore, Co. Kerry

ASTI Branch: Kerry

I care deeply about teachers and the teaching profession and vow to do my utmost to help support and protect my colleagues.

My agenda for change:

- I will work to improve the service that the Teaching Council gives to teachers, especially:**
 - an efficient, timely response to queries
 - effective communication with teachers
 - a more streamlined, simplified vetting application procedure
- The Teaching Council can do more to promote the teaching profession by:**
 - addressing the two-year PME programme, either reducing it to one year or changing to payment for year two
 - highlighting the excellent work and innovation of classroom teachers
 - acknowledging teachers' flexibility in recent curricular developments
- Teacher registration must never be linked to, or dependent on, CPD**
- The Teaching Council must function within budget and ensure no registration fee increase**

My involvement as a teacher representative:

- Active teacher representative for many years
- Previously member of Dublin North East and Cork North branches (currently Kerry Branch)
- School Steward (Community School & Voluntary Secondary) and BOM rep (Community School)
- ASTI Vice President
- Standing Committee Regional Representative
- CEC member
- Regional organiser
- Branch Officer
- Subject Rep for Engineering (JC & LC)/member of NCCA Development Group
- Previously member of Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW)
- Media experience (on behalf of ASTI)

Guth Láidir do Mhúinteoirí

Oibreoidh mé go díograiseach ar an gComhairle Mhúinteoireachta ar son:

- rath agus folláine múinteoirí
- gairm na múinteoireachta

Cosain an Ghairm

Déan teangmháil liom, más mian leat cúrsaí a phlé.

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DONAL CREMIN*

ASTI-endorsed candidate

Sector:

Community and Comprehensive School (Post-Primary) sector.

Constituency:

Connaught, Leinster, Ulster and Munster.

For all second-level categories and constituencies see page 8.

***DONAL WILL APPEAR DANIEL (DONAL) CREMIN ON THE BALLOT PAPER.**


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ADRIEANNE HEALY

Constituency: VOLUNTARY POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS – DUBLIN AND SOUTH

School: St. Dominic's College, Cabra

ASTI Branch: Dublin North-West

I will be a strong voice for teachers and represent your genuine concerns at national level.

My Experience:

- Teaching for 27 years in St Dominic's College, a Voluntary Secondary School, Dublin. ASTI School Steward (10 years) and ASTI member for 28 years.

Member of:

- ASTI Standing Committee, Region 15 (Dublin South West, Dublin North West)
- ASTI Finance Committee
- ASTI Posts of Responsibility Committee
- ICTU Women's Committee representing ASTI members (2nd term)
- ASTIR Editorial Board
- ASTI Regional Organiser Region 15 (3 years)
- Member of the ASTI Equal Opportunities Committee (4 years)
- Chair of Dublin North West Branch

My Key Priorities:

- Protecting teachers
- Ensuring a swift resolution to frivolous complaints before the Council
- Teaching Council registration should not be linked to participation in CPD
- Recruitment and retention of teachers is a huge issue presently which must be addressed, but not at any cost
- Standards in the profession must be upheld

I would greatly appreciate your support for the ASTI Teaching Council.

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Category 2: Post-primary: Voluntary Secondary Schools Sector

Geographical Constituency: Dublin and South

Area: Carlow, Clare, Cork, Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Offaly, Tipperary, South Dublin, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow and the city of Dublin.

The ASTI has endorsed three candidates for this constituency: Adrieanne Healy, Barry Hennessy and Pat Knightly.

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ADRIEANNE HEALY

ASTI-endorsed candidate

Sector:

Voluntary Secondary Schools (Post-Primary).

Constituency:

Dublin and South.

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BARRY HENNESSY

Constituency: VOLUNTARY POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS – DUBLIN AND SOUTH

School: Coláiste Éanna, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

ASTI Branch: Dublin South 1

- ASTI member since 2000, mostly as a member of the Dublin South 1 branch
- Former ASTI school steward (Coláiste Éanna)
- ASTI subject representative for French
- ASTI representative on NCCA Junior Cycle MFL subject development group

I hold an Advanced Diploma in Law and Education from the King's Inns during which I studied the regulatory role of the Teaching Council in depth.

If elected my priorities are:

- Reducing PME courses to one year to reduce expense for student teachers and address teacher supply.
- Droichead should be expanded to include components such as the major dissertation and e-modules on the history of education and education law whilst NQTs are in paid employment.
- Review of subject requirements to remove unfair barriers to applicants with non-Irish or 'non-traditional' qualifications.
- Barrister-led review of the current fitness to teach process to assess relevance/proportionality of cases brought to hearing and sanctions imposed compared with other common law jurisdictions.
- Opposing any link between ongoing CPD and registration renewal unless agreed to by ASTI members.



BARRY HENNESSY

ASTI-endorsed candidate

Sector:
Voluntary Secondary Schools
(Post-Primary).

Constituency:
Dublin and South.

TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTIONS – VOTING PROCEDURE

Teaching Council Elections voting will take place online. Full instructions for online voting are being distributed by email to all registered teachers by the Teaching Council. You can vote securely on any device including PC, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

The ASTI urges all eligible members to vote for ASTI-endorsed candidates. ASTI-endorsed candidates have committed to supporting ASTI policy in the interests of ASTI members.

A system of Single Transferable Votes will be used, with teachers asked to vote for their chosen candidates in order of preference.


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PAT KNIGHTLY

Constituency: VOLUNTARY POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS – DUBLIN AND SOUTH

School: St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan

Branch: Dungarvan

I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Teaching Council election.

As a long serving member of the ASTI, I will continue to fight to safeguard the conditions under which our members work.

My Experience:

- Standing Committee Representative Region 7 – Cork North, Dungarvan, East Cork, Fermoy, West Waterford (current)
- ASTI Special Education Committee (current)
- NCCA Special Education Development Group (current)
- Education Committee (4 years)
- School steward (10 years)
- Posts of Responsibility Committee (current)
- Finance Committee
- BOM representative (16 years)
- Branch Delegate
- Branch CEC representative

My Key Priorities:

- Protecting teachers
- Vexatious complaints are a huge concern for all teachers. I believe it is essential that complaints against a teacher are dealt with swiftly, at a local level and are not immediately escalated to the Teaching Council as is frequently the case.
- I am in favour of high-quality CPD. However, registration with the Teaching Council must never be dependent on CPD.
- Teacher supply is a huge issue and must be dealt with, however the integrity of the teaching profession must be maintained.
- I would greatly appreciate your support for Teaching Council elections.

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PAT KNIGHTLY

ASTI-endorsed candidate

Sector:

Voluntary Secondary Schools
(Post-Primary).

Constituency:

Dublin and South.

ADRIAN GUINAN

Voluntary Secondary: Midlands/North-West


ASTI-endorsed candidate Adrian Guinan has been deemed elected to the Voluntary Secondary Schools (Post-Primary) Midlands/North-West Constituency.

Adrian was the only candidate running for this Constituency and therefore no election will take place. Adrian is a member of Kildare ASTI branch and his experience includes School Steward, Board of Management Rep, Branch Treasurer, Regional Organiser and Central Executive Council Rep.






ADRIAN GUINAN

VOTE FOR ASTI-ENDORSED CANDIDATES




ASTI-ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN THE VOLUNTARY SECONDARY SECTOR

VOTE ASTI CANDIDATES
IN TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTIONS


ADRIANNE HEALY BARRY HENNESSEY PAT KNIGHTLY

DUBLIN AND SOUTH CONSTITUENCY



Scan here for more information on the Teaching Council elections and ASTI-endorsed candidates

ASTI-ENDORSED CANDIDATES ARE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF ASTI MEMBERS.
USE YOUR VOTE AND HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD.




ADRIAN GUINAN

MIDLANDS – NORTH – WEST CONSTITUENCY:
DEEMED ELECTED (NO ELECTION TAKING PLACE)

Voting is open from 22 February to noon on 12 March. The Teaching Council will issue voting instructions via email in February to all teachers on the electoral roll prior to the commencement of voting.



Please use your vote to ensure ASTI-endorsed candidates are elected in the Teaching Council elections



ASTI-ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTION:
COMMUNITY AND COMPREHENSIVE SECTOR

VOTE No.1 DONAL CREMIN
IN TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTIONS


- ASTI VICE PRESIDENT
- ASTI ACTIVIST
- SERVED AS SCHOOL STEWARD AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE IN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Scan here for more information on Donal and the Teaching Council elections

“ My agenda for change includes: Improve the service the Teaching Council provides to teachers; Do more to promote the teaching profession and the work of teachers; No link between registration and CPD. ”


CONNNAUGHT, LEINSTER, MUNSTER & ULSTER



THE ONLY ASTI-ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTIONS:
ETB SECTOR

VOTE No.1 IAN Mc COLGAN
IN TEACHING COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- ASTI ACTIVIST
- CHAIR OF ASTI COMMUNITY & COMPREHENSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- TEACHER IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Scan here for more information on Ian and the Teaching Council elections

“ The Teaching Council must: tackle negative attitudes towards teachers; evaluate the impact of cultural/ education changes on teaching; reduce the registration burden; give teachers better value for their registration fee. ”

DUBLIN AND SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

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Second-level Categories and Constituencies

Category 2: Post-primary: Voluntary Secondary Schools Sector

Geographical Constituency: Midlands – North-West

Area: Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath.

Number of Teaching Council members to be elected: One

The ASTI has endorsed one candidate for the Voluntary Secondary Schools Sector Midlands-North West geographical constituency: **Adrian Guinan**.
As there was only one candidate for this constituency Adrian Guinan is deemed elected.

Geographical Constituency: Dublin and South

Area: Carlow, Clare, Cork, Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Offaly, Tipperary, South Dublin, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow and the city of Dublin.

Number of Teaching Council members to be elected: Two

The ASTI has endorsed three candidates for the Voluntary Secondary Schools Sector Dublin and South geographical constituency:
Adrienne Healy, Barry Hennessy and Pat Knightly.

Category 3: Education and Training Boards Sector

Geographical Constituency: Midlands – North-West

Area: Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath.

Number of Teaching Council members to be elected: One

Geographical Constituency: Dublin and South

Area: Carlow, Clare, Cork, Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Offaly, Tipperary, South Dublin, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow and the city of Dublin.

Number of Teaching Council members to be elected: Two

The ASTI has endorsed one candidate for the Education and Training Boards Sector Dublin and South Constituency:
Ian Mc Colgan.

Category 4: Community and Comprehensive School Sector

Geographical Constituency: Connaught, Leinster, Munster and Ulster

Area: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Donegal, Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown, Fingal, Galway, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, South Dublin, North Tipperary, South Tipperary, Waterford, Westmeath, Wexford and Wicklow; and the cities of Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford

Number of Teaching Council members to be elected: One

The ASTI has endorsed one candidate for the Community and Comprehensive Sector:
Donal Cremin.

Category 1 is for primary school teachers only. Categories 2, 3 and 4 encompass all types of second-level schools