

### Education Reform: latest consultation

The Scottish government has launched a consultation on the next stage of their programme of education reform. The proposals have implications for members not just in schools and nurseries but across local government and further education colleges.

The proposals cover five areas:

- A head teachers charter
- Parental and community engagement
- Pupil participation
- New Regional Improvement Collaboratives
- A new Education Workforce Council

The Workforce Council will replace the General Teaching Council and will require a range of workers to register and meet as yet undefined professional standards in order to continue in their current roles. Proposed roles are: **Teachers, Community \Learning and Development workers, Classroom Assistants/ASL support workers, Early Years Practitioners, School Librarians, College Lecturers and relevant support staff and Home/school link workers.** There is no indication of what the registration fee will be. The SSSC ranges from £20 up to £80 depending on the role/salary while the GTC has a flat fee of £65.

The proposals will also move responsibilities out of local authorities down to head teachers and out into regional collaboratives. The work on the regional collaboratives is fairly advanced and the leaders of each collaborative are now in place.

The consultation closes in January 2018. Branches are asked to discuss these proposals and feedback any comments to the bargaining and campaigns team to inform our response.

#### Useful links

- [The consultation: Empowering schools](#)
- [UNISON Scotland website](#)
- [Public Works Campaign](#)

#### UNISON Scotland's latest relevant responses

- [Fair funding for schools](#)
- [Expansion of childcare](#)
- [Local government budget](#)

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