

**FEDERATION OF
RETIRED MEMBERS' ASSOCIATIONS**

**HELP, INFORMATION, FRIENDSHIP
AND REPRESENTATION**



NASUWT
The Teachers' Union
Northern Ireland

Why you should continue in the NASUWT as a Retired Member and take part in the activities of your local Retired Members' Association:

NASUWT services for retired members

All NASUWT members on retiring from teaching have continuing access to the following benefits irrespective of their age and circumstances of leaving the profession. These apply whether or not they pay a Retired Member's subscription:

- entitlement to NASUWT legal and professional representation and advice in relation to any matter arising from former teaching employment when the individual concerned was in subscription-paying membership of the Union;
- entitlement to apply for benevolence assistance in the unfortunate event of the former member and/or their financial dependants experiencing hardship.

Joining a Retired Members' Association

Many retirees choose to pay a small subscription to continue in membership of the NASUWT as a Retired Member. This involves informing the NASUWT Membership Department of their change of status, following which they will be sent a letter of invitation to join their local Retired Members' Association (RMA) and their subscription will be collected by direct debit, as before. There are now 34 RMAs in the UK, with others likely to form.

There are fewer than 100 retired members across the UK who are not served by a local RMA. Such members will be added to the list of centrally attached members and will receive information regularly from the Federation of Retired Members' Associations (FRMA).

Phased retirement

Members who take phased retirement, or members who continue teaching after taking their pension, should continue as full members of the NASUWT, which may involve reducing their membership subscription to a part-time full membership subscription, as appropriate. This involves informing the NASUWT Membership Department of their change in status. Retired membership does not confer eligibility for NASUWT assistance in respect of any issues arising from continuing employment.

We offer:

- information, help and friendship to retired members;
- social events organised by your local RMA;
- continued contact with, and support for, the NASUWT;
- the opportunity to help plan your RMA's activities;
- contact with other organisations working on behalf of the retired, including representation at National Pensioners' Convention meetings;
- publications you receive:
 - **FORMAT** – the FRMA national magazine which is distributed three times per year to all retired members;
 - communication and information about social events, the AGM and other meetings from your local RMA.

Useful contact details:

The NASUWT website includes contact details for local RMA secretaries:
www.nasuwt.org.uk.

NASUWT Northern Ireland:

E-mail: rc-nireland@mail.nasuwt.org.uk

NASUWT retired members in Northern Ireland can get support, advice and information by contacting the NASUWT Northern Ireland National Centre. The Centre is open from 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

The Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme:

The Department of Education administers the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme (NITPS).

Teachers' Pensions, Waterside House, 75 Duke St, Gobnascale, Derry BT47 6FP

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Website: www.education-ni.gov.uk.

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