



NEW YEAR UPDATE

We hope everyone had a peaceful and restful break at Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. The following information will re-establish where we are currently and we will, of course, keep you fully updated with developments.

UTU HEADQUARTERS

Our General Secretary, Avril Hall-Callaghan, is currently recovering from illness and we continue to wish her well in that regard. Our Deputy General Secretary, Jacquie White, is representing Avril at meetings, negotiations, etc., and the Field Officers, Lewis Love and Leigh Cooper, and the Organising Officer, Rebekka Gilpin, continue to be available, with all HQ staff, to respond to any queries or issues you may have.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Negotiations with Management Side continued until just before the Christmas break and are due to resume shortly. In the meantime, our Industrial Action stands as before; details are available on the website. We would like to assure you that continuing concerns around inspections are to the forefront of our considerations. We will keep you informed as to progress.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

We have a number of events scheduled for this month. The F.I.T. (Future in Teaching) residential is due to take place on 18th/19th January in the Malone Lodge Hotel and is proving to be highly popular once again. You can express your interest through email or our Facebook page.

School Reps' training has been rescheduled and the new dates have been sent out. This training is highly beneficial and is always well-received by those who attend. If you have missed the information, contact HQ for an update.

The Leadership Conference is scheduled for the 16th January in Cookstown; details on the website. We have taken on board all the feedback from last year and hope that you will find that this agenda provides plenty of food for thought. Places are filling up fast but we will make every effort to accommodate all who are interested.

CENTENARY CONCERT

Perhaps the highlight of this month is our Centenary Celebration Concert which is due to take place in the Ulster Hall on the evening of the 23rd January. It promises to be an uplifting event with children from all over the province highlighting the arts in our schools. Tickets are available from HQ or directly from the Ulster Hall.

Let's hope that this year sees some meaningful progression within the education system which will be of benefit to you all