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INTO Vice-President's

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Dear INTO Member,

Since INTO branches nominated me to the position of Vice-President at Easter, I have worked tirelessly in pursuit of key education and equality objectives. I have been spending forty hours per week working as a principal teacher and have matched this time working voluntarily for INTO members outside school hours. With your support I look forward to continuing that important work as INTO President from Easter 2017 to Easter 2018.



Congratulated by General Treasurer Noel Ward on becoming Vice-President

## New Entrant Pay - Particular Priority For Me

I have attended all meetings of the INTO Pay Equality Project Team and between team meetings, I have championed the cause of our lesser paid members at every opportunity. I've highlighted the case for pay equality in national and local media, to T.D.s and Senators in Leinster House, at meetings of New Entrant teachers and at meetings of INTO National Committees, Districts and Branches. I'm determined to deliver one single pay scale with restoration of teachers' pay to 2008 levels.



Remembering former CEC member Con Mc Sweeney First World War veteran

## Equal Treatment For Primary Education Is Right and Proper

I have used every public opportunity to demand equality of provision between Primary and Secondary Education - equal remuneration for primary school leaders and equal treatment for all primary pupils. I have called for the re-instatement of promotional posts, lower class sizes, additional support for children with special educational needs and increased primary school capitation.

## Teaching Council Must Improve Our Professional Lives

I chaired the first meeting of primary teachers newly elected to the Teaching Council. I implored those elected to work towards a non-judgemental Teacher Induction Scheme giving due recognition to the longer pre-service courses and bringing an end to the current system of probation. I also asked them to ensure that the new council strongly supports the profession in public. Council decisions must not lead to an increase in teacher workload or to a lowering of members morale.



Celebrating with fellow teachers

John with fellow members of INTO Pay Equality Project Team



Listening to NQTs



Discussing INTO Pay Equality campaign with teaching colleagues



President & Vice President with members of Coiste Chumainn na mBunscol

Assisting branch secretary with lobby of public representative



Presenting Show Racism The Red Card Award

Demanding proper funding at canvass of Taoiseach, Minister and MEP



## Supporting Northern Colleagues

I have met with our Northern Committee and have promised them my total support for their campaign for the payment of the overdue pay award, for the early implementation of the Investment In Teaching Workforce Scheme and for their Industrial action on workload issues.

## Committee Work Crucial

I firmly believe in the power of committee work. I addressed and offered my support to our Equality Committee, Education Committee and Principals & Deputy Principals Committee. I chaired meetings of our Central Executive Committee and of various sub-committees. I have continued to serve on the Board of Comhar Linn INTO Credit Union and on the Club Na Múinteoirí Committee. I played a central role in formulating the INTO response for the consultation on the Dept. of Education & Skills Strategic Plan.

## Real Choice of Schooling Vital

I welcomed the government commitment to increase the number of multi-denominational and non-denominational schools. I have listened to the concerns of our members in Community National Schools and have negotiated on their behalf with the Department of Education & Skills and with their proposed new patron-ETB Ireland. Phléideál mé ar son Gaelscoileanna agus ar son scoileanna Gaeltachta ar chláracha Raidió Na Gaeltachta. I have also met members who work in Special schools and I assisted them with their dealings with the Teaching Council and with the Department of Education & Skills.

## Performing Ceremonial Role

I have paid tribute to retired colleagues in all four provinces. I have also been involved in 1916 Commemoration Events and have proudly marched with INTO LGBT Group in Pride 2016. I have been privileged to represent the INTO at various conferences, courses, seminars, awards ceremonies and public events as your Vice-President.



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*Tá bród orm seasamh ar son mo chomh-mhúinteoirí mar Leas-Uachtarán Chumainn Múinteoirí Éireann. Bí cinnte teangmháil a dhéanamh liom, má tá tú ag iarraidh lámh chuidithe.*

*John Boyle.*