

EAST SUSSEX DIVISION REPRESENTED AT THE WELSH  
DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE WORST-PAYING AGENCY FOR  
SUPPLY TEACHERS IN THE COUNTRY - HELD ON SATURDAY JULY  
2<sup>ND</sup> IN CARDIFF

- I have forwarded a full report of the event from Sheila Jones of the Caerphilly Division, who, along with Angela Sandles masterminded the event. Both are stalwarts for the cause of supply teachers, both in Wales and England, and along with Ruth Treen and Richard Knights have long campaigned and lobbied against the way supply teachers have been treated; they are also loyal members of The Supply Teacher Network and NOF.
- I was privileged to be able to represent E.Sussex/LEW at this event, and to be invited to speak and attend a social evening in Newport on the Friday evening before taking up the banner on the Saturday morning. The day was a perfect summer day and very hot when we assembled at the station at 11 before proceeding to the HQ and offices of New Directions, where Alex Kenny spoke obo the Executive, and “presented” an engraved trophy awarding New Directions the WORST PAYING AGENCY AWARD (this agency being the appointed agency by the Welsh Government.) The march then proceeded to the City Centre and assembled in front of the Nye Bevan statue, for speeches (all referred to in the full report by Sheila) and Richard Knights, who has stepped down as secretary of the Network after 7 years of tireless work and campaigning, was presented with a signed card and mounted print as a thanks for all of his dedication during his time in office.
- The Welsh secretaries and reps thanked publicly all the Divisions from England who sent representatives to support their Welsh colleagues and it were a very inspiring and I believe worthwhile event.
- I think it is worth noting that the East Sussex NEU banner was very easy to transport and carry, and should be clearly visible in several of the pictures with the banner bearer sporting an old hat

festooned with peanuts, illustrating what the shameful agency pay  
the supplies!

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