

Model Motion for NEU Districts

Cuba Education Appeal

This District notes that:

- 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the US blockade of Cuba despite 29 UN General Assembly votes calling for its termination. The blockade causes shortages across all sectors in Cuba, including education.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic the blockade added to the suffering and loss of life on the island by preventing purchase and delivery of vital equipment and medicines to treat patients and the roll out Cuba's vaccination programme.
- Despite the blockade, Cuba with some of the best education indicators in Latin America has, in the year 2000, met all the objectives set by the UNESCO supported Education for All (EFA). Cuban students and teachers however are frequently forced to make do without many of the basic necessities that we take for granted.
- In 2021, Oxfam reported that, during the pandemic, the US blockade slowed the use of new technologies for teaching and forced Cuba to resort to broadcasting daily classes to 1.7 million students on television.
- NEU members who have participated in delegations to Cuba all agree that the blockade is the fundamental hindrance to educational development in Cuba and results in noticeable shortages in Cuban classrooms.

This District welcomes:

- 'Viva La Educación' joint appeal by the NEU and the Cuba Solidarity Campaign to support students and teachers in Cuba by raising money for educational and teaching resources.

This District resolves:

- To donate £250/£500/£1,000/(other amount) to the NEU Viva La Educación fundraising appeal details of which can be found at the following link:
<https://vivaeducacion.org.uk/donate/>
- To encourage members and school groups to contribute to the appeal.
- To submit, as appropriate, motions on this issue to bodies such as Regional Councils, trades councils and Regional TUCs.