

CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

**Global Equality in Education
for Women and Girls**

DECLARATION OF INTENT

NASUWT
The Teachers' Union

The largest teachers' union in the UK



Gender inequalities is one of the greatest human rights challenges the world faces today.

Despite a wealth of international agreements, women and girls continue to be denied access to quality education and decent life chances as a result of gender discrimination, intimidation and violence.

Two thirds of the almost 800 million illiterate people in the world are women

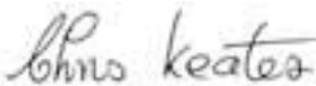
Thirty-one million girls worldwide have no access to school and there is an acute global shortage of teachers.

We believe that it is time for concerted action by governments around the world to end gender discrimination, secure quality education for women and girls and to ensure equality for women and girls.

We further believe that investment in public education must be accorded a high priority.

We demand:

- Universal and free primary and secondary education for girls;
- Sex and Relationships education as an entitlement for all children, which should contribute to tackling the continuing problem of violence against women and girls;
- Urgent action to ensure girls' access to education free from violence, intimidation and sexual abuse;
- Decent working conditions for teachers at work and equal rights in quality public services;
- Investment in education, not cuts and austerity;
- Positive action to increase the representation of women in leadership roles;
- Action to end child labour.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Keates". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chris Keates (Ms)

General Secretary

The NASUWT's Declaration of Intent is not only entirely in line with Educational International's 'Unite for Quality Education' campaign, it is also an apt reminder that, united in the demand for quality education, 30 million teachers and educators cannot be easily ignored.

Fred Van Leeuwen
General Secretary,
Education International

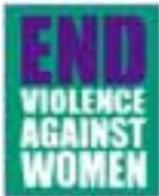
The TUC welcomes this declaration which serves as a timely reminder that lack of education is caused by gender inequality. It ought to be a global scandal that in the 21st century, there are still millions of girls who are forced out of school because of poverty, threats of sexual violence and poor quality schools.

Frances O'Grady
General Secretary, TUC



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