

‘WORK UNTIL YOU DROP’ CULTURE CONDEMNED

Teachers at the Annual Conference of the **NASUWT-The Teachers’ Union**, have condemned the increase in the state and the retirement age for teachers to 68 and the potential for further increases in coming years.

Teachers spoke of the devastating impact which government changes to pensions since 2011 have had on the value of teachers’ pensions and on teachers’ future entitlement to a decent quality of life in retirement.

Chris Keates, General Secretary of the NASUWT, said:

“Only the NASUWT has continued to challenge governments across the UK on the unacceptable changes made to teachers’ pension provision.

“Teaching is now widely regarded as one of the most stressful occupations in the country.

“Teachers are increasingly burned out long before they reach 68.

“The government requires teachers to work until they are 68, but fails to prevent the widespread discrimination practiced in too many schools against older teachers who are disproportionately subject to capability procedures, denied access to CPD and regularly told they are too expensive.

“They are also penalised by the negative culture in too many schools towards requests for flexible working and the punitive financial impact of accessing their pension before 68 mean teachers have little choice but to work until they drop.”

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