

# #edchatie

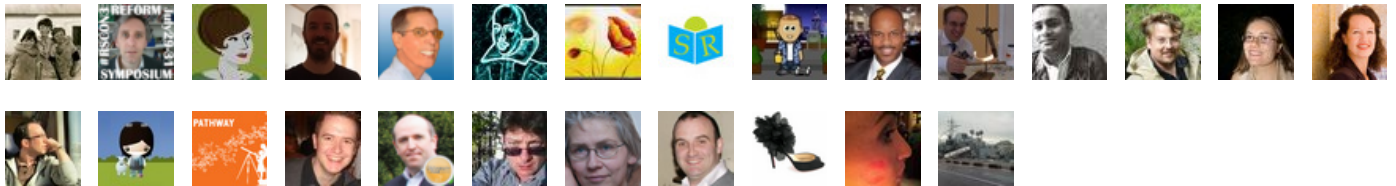
## #edchatie Number 24

A weekly discussion by Irish educators.  
This week's topic: "Teachers' Unions:  
disconnected from teachers?" Mon  
14th Aug 2011

## Trending Words

rt, union, unions, -, disconnected,  
@aoifeblood, unions:, think,  
teachers, teaching, irish, teachers',  
@seomraranga:, topic, more

## Event Participants





Is there any good news? #edchatie RT @IrishEducation: Thousands risk picking the wrong CAO course <http://t.co/FNZ3m4H>

15-Aug-11 07:27 | levdauidovic



#edchatie #english RT @ guardianculture: Is this the end for books? <http://t.co/wF30Ebw>

15-Aug-11 07:27 | levdauidovic



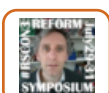
#edchatie RT @thejournal\_ie: Anxiously Awaiting LC results? 2 new studies find worrying trends for careers & CAO pts: <http://t.co/Ky1nBGS>

15-Aug-11 07:34 | levdauidovic



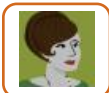
You still have 3hrs left to vote for the topic to discuss @tonight's #edchatie Closes @ noon. [twtpoll.com/qdx4yh](http://twtpoll.com/qdx4yh) Plz RT

15-Aug-11 07:50 | fboss



RT @veecam Teaching Math Through Culture [feedly.com/k/oKeEbT](http://feedly.com/k/oKeEbT) #edchatie

15-Aug-11 07:52 | fboss



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15-Aug-11 07:58 | sharonflynn



RT @maggiev Directory of maths ebooks: will have 2 make time to browse through these! [bit.ly/qT6YKn](http://bit.ly/qT6YKn) #mathematics #edchatie

15-Aug-11 08:07 | fboss



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15-Aug-11 08:36 | levdauidovic



@pamelaaobrien @fboss on #edchatie recently said education only discussed at Easter, in June and in August all tension filled times

15-Aug-11 08:44 | levdauidovic



#edchatie RT @Examwatch: Do let us know your thoughts on the upcoming results. We'll be trawling the web again for comments for the paper...

15-Aug-11 09:02 | levdauidovic



#edchatie #historyteacher RT @NMIreland: Number 27 in a history of Ireland in 100 objects: <http://t.co/UDbMJW8> from @the\_irish\_times

15-Aug-11 09:07 | levdauidovic



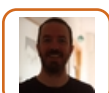
#edchatie #historyteacher RT @STMHS1: 15th August 1649 Irish Military History- Oliver Cromwell landed in Dublin with an army of 20,000 men.

15-Aug-11 09:22 | levdauidovic



#edchatie #historyteacher RT @archivesireland: NAI #docofthemoth India League invite to Pres., Indian Ind. Day 1947 <http://t.co/gyGRadk>

15-Aug-11 09:58 | levdauidovic



nice puzzle! <http://t.co/nkqso85> /via RT @OnThisDayinMath: RT @CarnivalOfMath 80th Carnival of Mathematics <http://ow.ly/639AO> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 12:39 | mrNeilButler



Monday Chats 2 #journchat #SAGchat #apbio #asechat #edchatIE #hsc <http://t.co/xgBp9ld>

15-Aug-11 12:56 | cybraryman1



RT @fboss: #edchatie topic for discussion by Irish educators is: Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers? Starts @8.30pm \*Irish time) Plz RT

15-Aug-11 13:20 | pamelaobrien



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15-Aug-11 13:31 | seomraranga



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15-Aug-11 13:32 | flynttommy



75pc of Irish students favour Facebook as communication tool  
<http://t.co/6aNYZcZ> • There's a message for schools here too #edchatie

15-Aug-11 13:39 | levdaidovic



RT @cybraryman1: Monday Chats 2 #journchat #SAGchat #apbio #asechat #edchatIE #hsc <http://t.co/3rqnrnZ>

15-Aug-11 14:35 | laroncarter



#ASEChat is starting in just over three hours time! <http://t.co/rFfo4y5> Everyone welcome! #scichat #edchat #ukedchat #edchatie #ozscied

15-Aug-11 15:45 | AnthHard



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15-Aug-11 15:46 | alomshaha



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15-Aug-11 15:52 | tom\_hartley



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15-Aug-11 15:53 | racheleppy



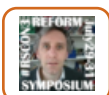
How the world changes #edchatie RT @theretronaut: New Capsule: The Best Word Book Ever. 1963 and 1991 - <http://t.co/lrZFqUb>

15-Aug-11 15:56 | levdaidovic



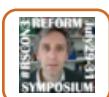
RT @fboss: @astiunion & @INTOnews & @TUUnion ->Irish educators discussing "Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers?" tonight #edchatie Join us

15-Aug-11 15:57 | levdaidovic



RT @oliverquinlan New blog: Problem finders - Projects is one thing, but what about finding your own problems? <http://j.mp/mVAyG9> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 16:10 | fboss



RT @cybraryman1: Monday Chats 2 #journchat #SAGchat #apbio #asechat #edchatIE #hsc <http://t.co/xgBp9ld>

15-Aug-11 16:40 | fboss



Irish educators on Twitter will be discussing "Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers?" tonight #edchatie Join us 8.30-9.30pm Plz RT

15-Aug-11 16:42 | fboss



RT @fboss: RT @oliverquinlan New blog: Problem finders - Projects is one thing, but what about finding your own problems? <http://j.mp/mVAyG9> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 16:42 | ncara



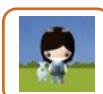
Last chance to vote for tonight's #ASEChat topic. Poll closes in 10 mins! [bit.ly/pMwBAU](http://bit.ly/pMwBAU) #ukedchat #edchat #scichat #edchatie #ozscied

15-Aug-11 18:20 | AnthHard



Calling all science teachers! #ASEChat is starting in 15 minutes. Everyone welcome! #scichat #edchat #ukedchat #edchatie #ozscied

15-Aug-11 18:41 | AnthHard



RT @AnthHard: Calling all science teachers! #ASEChat is starting in 15 minutes. Everyone welcome! #scichat #edchat #ukedchat #edchatie #ozscied

15-Aug-11 18:45 | notyap



RT @AnthHard: Calling all science teachers! #ASEChat is starting in 15 minutes. Everyone welcome! #scichat #edchat #ukedchat #edchatie #ozscied

15-Aug-11 18:46 | PATHWAYYUK



RT @Maths\_Master: Using Pythagoras to do up your shoes <http://t.co/YR6glxG> #math #maths #mathchat #edchat #edchatie

15-Aug-11 18:49 | fboss



#edchatie Fred is away so I'm 'subbing' for him tonight!

15-Aug-11 18:58 | flynnntommy



Tonight's #edchatie starts in just under 30 mins. Topic is: Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers?

15-Aug-11 19:00 | flynnntommy



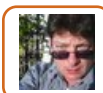
RT @flynnntommy: Tonight's #edchatie starts in just under 30 mins. Topic is: Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers?

15-Aug-11 19:04 | roygmitchell



75pc of Irish students favour Facebook as communication tool v/ @siliconrepublic <http://t.co/Jg1OuhZ> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:10 | theolynn



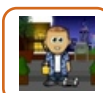
RT @theolynn: 75pc of Irish students favour Facebook as communication tool v/ @siliconrepublic <http://t.co/z4lxqgQ> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:10 | tnteacherTim



First day's impressions of teacher training course in music (NCH) - boom! Whack! See my blog: <http://t.co/Ahel8AQ> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:10 | SabineMcKenna



Just 20 mins and Irish educators on #edchatie will be discussing: Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers?

15-Aug-11 19:12 | flynnntommy



I'll be discussing Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers? on #edchatie in under 10mins!

15-Aug-11 19:22 | flynnntommy



Please don't forget to include the hashtag #edchatie in all of your Tweets so they can be collated in the summary transcript after the chat!

15-Aug-11 19:28 | flynnntommy



Tonight's topic is Teachers' Unions: disconnected from teachers? but, before we start, please introduce yourselves #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:30 | flynnntommy



Oh yes, INTO member too, though not actively... #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:34 | SabineMcKenna



#edchatie Perhaps people should mention their union affiliations, or lack thereof!

15-Aug-11 19:34 | seomraranga



#edchatie @johnmayo you're secondary, aren't you?

15-Aug-11 19:34 | SabineMcKenna



INTO member too #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:34 | roygmitchell



#edchatie Hello all! Yes, I am an ASTI member.

15-Aug-11 19:35 | flynttommy



secondary non union #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:35 | johnmayo



#edchatie Nice thing for past 3 years was the reduced rate subscription for me! Salary Protection nor Teaching Council offer that :)

15-Aug-11 19:36 | flynttommy



RT @johnmayo: Am I the only non union teacher here? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:36 | johnmayo



Won't be able to make it tonight. Much thanks to @flynttommy for taking the reins. Enjoy tonight's #edchatie Will post transcript tomorrow

15-Aug-11 19:37 | fboss



#edchatie If unions are disconnected from teachers, would you recommend not being a member of a union?

15-Aug-11 19:37 | seomraranga



I wonder whether there is a difference between the primary and post primary unions&members? #edchatie see: <http://j.mp/qXH91E>

15-Aug-11 19:37 | roygmitchell



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie If unions are disconnected from teachers, would you recommend not being a member of a union? > a necessary evil?!

15-Aug-11 19:38 | flynttommy



#edchatie my views on teaching unions are not very positive & I am not really comfortable in putting on publi... (cont) <http://t.co/4FzgFMU>

15-Aug-11 19:39 | johnmayo



#edchatie Especially for new teachers, unions could offer a place for discussion and information - I do like InTOUCH, mostly at least.

15-Aug-11 19:39 | SabineMcKenna



@johnmayo that bad? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:39 | roygmitchell



@seomraranga #edchatie yeah i know I was surprised by that too.sort of shows a lack of trust with the leadership

15-Aug-11 19:41 | roygmitchell



#edchatie if teaching unions were really serious about fixing problems in education they would have them fixed by now :-P

15-Aug-11 19:41 | johnmayo



@flynntommy #edchatie Unions a "necessary evil" >> Good description!

15-Aug-11 19:41 | seomraranga



#edchatie must use better bait :-)

15-Aug-11 19:42 | johnmayo



I think it's important for people to figure out what they think a teacher union should stand for? Teachers or education system? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:42 | roygmitchell



#edchatie I think a lot of ASTI members are disillusioned overall. Was asked the question recently "wonder have ASTI execs taken pay cuts?"

15-Aug-11 19:43 | flynntommy



#edchatie Unions start at grassroots level. People can't give out if they don't attend Branch meetings to find out what's going on.

15-Aug-11 19:43 | seomraranga



RT @roygmitchell: Teachers or education system? #edchatie > good question!

15-Aug-11 19:44 | flynntommy



I do like the way the INTO spell out exactly where your money goes but still think it's a pricey subscription for what you get! #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:44 | roygmitchell



#edchatie On the other hand people get disillusioned with Branch meetings that go on and on and on.....

15-Aug-11 19:44 | seomraranga



@seomraranga definitely agree! #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:44 | roygmitchell



@seomraranga: #edchatie Or school meetings, in our case

15-Aug-11 19:45 | aptmilpalmeras



@seomraranga a certain former exec council rep comes to mind #edchatie :)

15-Aug-11 19:45 | roygmitchell



#edchatie Hi, Maureen, secondary teacher, ASTI

15-Aug-11 19:45 | aptmilpalmeras



#edchatie it is not in unions interest to seek or implement radical or innovative change

15-Aug-11 19:45 | johnmayo



#edchatie @mrNeilButler I wonder if technology was introduced to branch meetings to allow people to "virtually" attend?

15-Aug-11 19:47 | seomraranga



#edchatie teaching council sitting on €3m Unions could lobby to use money to employ 100 teacher & put in deprived areas

15-Aug-11 19:48 | johnmayo



RT @roygmitchell: maybe there should be more feedback forums like an #edchatie for unions to reach more members? > ASTI have facebook page

15-Aug-11 19:48 | flynntommy



@johnmayo €3m!!!! for what? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:49 | roygmitchell



#edchatie lobby not loobly ( typing in near dark here !! )

15-Aug-11 19:49 | johnmayo



#edchatie @flynntommy INTO have Facebook page also

15-Aug-11 19:49 | seomraranga



@flynntommy well now that I think of it. the INTO have one as well. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:50 | roygmitchell



#edchatie There is a huge disconnect. Facebook pages aren't going to bridge that gap.

15-Aug-11 19:50 | aptmilpalmeras



#edchatie I think TUI do too

15-Aug-11 19:50 | flynntommy



Teaching council take in €6m in payments & only have spent €3m so far #edchatie -saving for a rainy day ?

15-Aug-11 19:50 | johnmayo



#edchatie @johnmayo Teaching Council Board is full of members of all unions! Why aren't they calling on this money to be spent?

15-Aug-11 19:52 | seomraranga



just saw the TC financial statement there.They have over €5m in "Total Funds" as of 2009. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:53 | roygmitchell



#edchatie Innovative solutions to problems shows leadership if they were willing to do stuff like that I woul... (cont) <http://t.co/Wd8c6Ob>

15-Aug-11 19:53 | johnmayo



@johnmayo #edchatie have you gotten in touch with your union re the TC finances?

15-Aug-11 19:54 | roygmitchell



#edchatie non union roy ;-)

15-Aug-11 19:54 | johnmayo



#edchatie @roygmitchell same here - found their advice really good at the time

15-Aug-11 19:57 | flynntommy



#edchatie @aptmlpalmeras I think most people would keep their membership "ar eagla na heagla" Just in case they were ever needed in crisis

15-Aug-11 19:57 | seomraranga



Could you have accessed that advice from the website- without paying fees? @roygmitchell #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:57 | aptmilpalmeras



#edchatie protect at whose expense?

15-Aug-11 19:57 | johnmayo



@aptmlpalmeras probably but was good to know that there was someone there to help #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:58 | roygmitchell



#edchatie public reputation of teachers is weaken by unions not even admitting bad teacher sin the system - jo... (cont) <http://t.co/wOeEOKl>

15-Aug-11 19:59 | johnmayo



@johnmayo I agree that when you protect some groups others might suffer but what is a union for then??? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 19:59 | roygmitchell



@johnmayo #edchatie - that is the same with a lot of unions. have seen cases where union stand up for 'bad' worker even.

15-Aug-11 20:00 | flynntommy



#edchatie problem of "bad teachers" has been given to the TC but it doesn't seem to have bitten anything with the teeth they have!

15-Aug-11 20:01 | roygmitchell



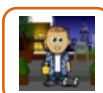
#edchatie Teaching Unions are part of part of TC!

15-Aug-11 20:01 | johnmayo



#edchatie Half way point already! some points so far: 1) union should look at innovative change - would show leadership.

15-Aug-11 20:02 | flynntommy



#edchatie 2) Union starts at grassroot level - hard to get time though.

15-Aug-11 20:02 | flynntommy



#edchatie 3) Question about amount of money teaching council have and maybe unions should lobby about it.

15-Aug-11 20:02 | flynntommy



#edchatie 4) Why do people stay with Union - fear of need in crisis?

15-Aug-11 20:03 | flynntommy



#edchatie protect the interest of their members ( but should not be at expense of others in a weaker position i.e children)

15-Aug-11 20:03 | johnmayo





@levdavidovic #edchatie don't worry it is only me that is throwing slaps at the unions ;-)

15-Aug-11 20:04 | johnmayo



#edchatie lack of engagement at local level from teachers in critical issues frightening. Only see people at meetings when money involved

15-Aug-11 20:05 | levdavidovic



RT @roygmitchell: I think it's important for people to figure out what they think a teacher union should stand for? Teachers or education system? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:05 | levdavidovic



#edchatie @roygmitchell I've counted 6 official union members on TC board. Others voted on are also union members.

15-Aug-11 20:05 | seomraranga



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie Unions start at grassroots level. People can't give out if they don't attend Branch meetings to find out what's going on.

15-Aug-11 20:05 | levdavidovic



#edchatie @johnmayo true but in fairness almost every teacher in the country is a member of a union.

15-Aug-11 20:05 | roygmitchell



I attended my first INTO meeting as a student a few months back and felt the Union was only interested in supporting senior member #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:06 | aoifeblood



@levdavidovic as a CEC member. what do you think the purpose of a union is? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:07 | roygmitchell



@aoifeblood #edchatie issue of sub cover in primary a good example - young teacher v retired teacher with 30 yr union membership who wins?

15-Aug-11 20:07 | johnmayo



@aoifeblood #edchatie Getting younger members involved in the union is always a problem.

15-Aug-11 20:08 | seomraranga



#edchatie I feel this conversation is going to bite me again :-)

15-Aug-11 20:08 | johnmayo



@johnmayo @aoifeblood surely this is a no-brainer though! If you're retired, you've done your time and already have an income?! #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:08 | aoifeblood



@aoifeblood think you'll find that seniority, sometimes sadly, has a huge role to play in the profession as a whole. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:08 | roygmitchell



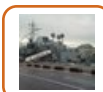
#edchatie on leaving union single figures resign each year, better in than out it seems for most esp in crisis

15-Aug-11 20:08 | levdavidovic



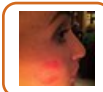
#edchatie @aoifeblood You will probably find in most branch meetings that it's the same people who make their voices heard frequently.

15-Aug-11 20:09 | seomraranga



#edchatie Niamh, FE teacher v bad experiences w tui re permanent contracts

15-Aug-11 20:11 | wiamhey



though it shouldn't be a union issue at all - should be a blanket policy - if you are receiving pension, you are Retired. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:12 | aoifeblood



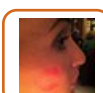
#edchatie seniority should be replaced with suitability for job- relative doing ICT coordinator job for her... (cont) <http://t.co/F2bkQ5G>

15-Aug-11 20:12 | johnmayo



#edchatie we teach students that life is a meritocracy - not so in teaching

15-Aug-11 20:12 | johnmayo



@johnmayo again, is this a Union issue? It's just Common sense #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:13 | aoifeblood



RT @johnmayo: #edchatie we teach students that life is a meritocracy - not so in teaching

15-Aug-11 20:13 | roygmitchell



@johnmayo #edchatie suitability/seniority always an issue. in real world it wud be suitability but if didn't get it u cud look ....

15-Aug-11 20:14 | flynttommy



#edchatie ....for job/promotion elsewhere - not easy to do in teaching

15-Aug-11 20:14 | flynttommy



#edchatie Perhaps unions and TC should be judged on how many retired and "non-qualified" teachers there are still in the system after Sept.

15-Aug-11 20:15 | seomraranga



@johnmayo #edchatie you're mistaken re unions and underperformance it's nit their issue, they don't protect

15-Aug-11 20:15 | levdaidovic



#edchatie only 15 mins left!

15-Aug-11 20:16 | flynttommy



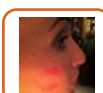
@seomraranga But tell me why the union has to fight for this? There are plenty of non-retired teachers out there, why is the govt #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:16 | aoifeblood



@seomraranga #edchatie it is year too late to my 3rdyr B.Eds who are heading to England & middle East

15-Aug-11 20:16 | johnmayo



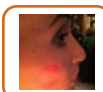
@seomraranga ...double paying retired teachers to do work NQTs should be doing? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:16 | aoifeblood



#edchatie mixing up TC and unions is not a good idea, unions wanted a Teachers' Council, got TeachING council

15-Aug-11 20:16 | levdaidovic



@tnteacherTim I accept that but it's still not a union issue. If there was no way to double pay them they wouldn't be hired. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:19 | aoifeblood



#edchatie to be honest as well i do feel that for some working in the union it really is a thankless job too

15-Aug-11 20:19 | wiamhey



#edchatie this is my 7th year job hunting- been lucky in getting jobs but have no career....

15-Aug-11 20:19 | johnmayo



RT @tnteacherTim: @aoifeblood @seomraranga The principal hires the retired teachers as subs. The devil they know; easier than searching. #edchatie not DES.

15-Aug-11 20:20 | seomraranga



@tnteacherTim #edchatie it is the angels they should be hiring :-)

15-Aug-11 20:20 | johnmayo



#edchatie re unions and technology: was amazed when some of conventions streamed public sessions this year

15-Aug-11 20:20 | levdauidovic



@aoifeblood I agree that it is not a union issue. I've always found conflict-of-interest re principals and TU membership/policies #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:21 | tnteacherTim



Pay and conditions always priority RT @roygmitchell: @levdauidovic as a CEC member. what do you think the purpose of a union is? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:22 | levdauidovic



@tnteacherTim @aoifeblood reason for IPPN perhaps?? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:22 | roygmitchell



#edchatie Can I get a shameless plug in here: Looking for questions to ask the Min for Ed in an interview for website: <http://t.co/6QjRZW8>

15-Aug-11 20:23 | seomraranga



@roygmitchell you think that it should be regulated by IPPN? Why can't Ruairi Quinn just forbid it? #militanceofyouth #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:23 | aoifeblood



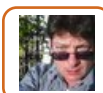
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15-Aug-11 20:24 | roygmitchell



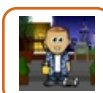
#edchatie 5mins left! Thanks all for contributing to #edchatie tonight. Full transcript available soon on: <http://t.co/BgDqkOC>

15-Aug-11 20:24 | flynnntommy



@aoifeblood @roygmitchell The principals would go nuts if Quinn did that; 'twould make their job more difficult. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:24 | tnteacherTim



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie No bother! > Looking for questions to ask the Min for Ed in an interview for website: <http://t.co/T2M32Oo>

15-Aug-11 20:25 | flynnntommy



@aoifeblood TU can only do that IF sufficient young members attend meetings and VOTE. Majority rules. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:27 | tnteacherTim



#edchatie Our local branch reserves a place at Congress every year for someone who's never been in an effort to encourage younger teachers

15-Aug-11 20:28 | seomraranga



@tnteacherTim suppose if I am one of a few NQTs being vocal at Union meetings I might as well save the membership fee #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:29 | aoifeblood



@seomraranga #edchatie they do indeed. i went and found it a great experience!

15-Aug-11 20:29 | roymitchell



Crucially, you'll find many principals/deputies on CEC, etc; swinging votes that favour management over classroom teachers. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:29 | tnteacherTim



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie It's a pity there's not a broader spectrum of opinion here tonight to get a clearer picture of teachers' views of unions.

15-Aug-11 20:30 | levdavidovic



@aoifeblood No. Keep at it and make your voice heard. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:30 | tnteacherTim



#edchatie 9:30 - keep chatting using #edchatie and it will be picked up for the transcript: <http://t.co/BgDqkOC> Thank you all!

15-Aug-11 20:30 | flynttommy



#edchatie many v negative voices. Anyone got a positive story to tell?

15-Aug-11 20:30 | levdavidovic



@flynttommy Thanks, came in late but enjoyed it! #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:31 | aoifeblood



#edchatie ok gotta go people. great chat. really got me thinking!!

15-Aug-11 20:31 | roymitchell



RT @wiamhey: #edchatie to be honest as well i do feel that for some working in the union it really is a thankless job too

15-Aug-11 20:31 | levdavidovic



#edchatie Thanks @fboss and @flynttommy for organising tonight's chat. Just a pity there wasn't more involved.

15-Aug-11 20:31 | seomraranga



RT @tnteacherTim: @aoifeblood I agree that it is not a union issue. I've always found conflict-of-interest re principals and TU membership/policies #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:31 | levdavidovic



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie Can I get a shameless plug in here: Looking for questions to ask the Min for Ed in an interview for website: <http://t.co/6QjRZW8>

15-Aug-11 20:31 | levdavidovic



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie Thanks @fboss and @flynntommy for organising tonight's chat. Just a pity there wasn't more involved.

15-Aug-11 20:36 | roygmitchell



@aoifeblood don't let negativity re unions get to you! Stat involved, unions have precious few young voices #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:37 | levdauidovic



Really? RT @tnteacherTim: Crucially, you'll find many principals/deputies on CEC, etc; swinging votes that favour management #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:37 | levdauidovic



RT @seomraranga: #edchatie Thanks @fboss and @flynntommy for organising tonight's chat. Just a pity there wasn't more involved.

15-Aug-11 20:38 | levdauidovic



RT @tnteacherTim: TU efficiency is excellent at local-level/solving disputes, but a disaster at macro/National level. Not strong enough with govt. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:38 | levdauidovic



@flynntommy thanks for tonight Tommy, it was my topic but I couldn't give it the full hour. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:39 | levdauidovic



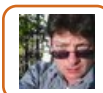
@levdauidovic Thanks, feel strongly enough to be vocal for the time being, hope I don't end up feeling like I'm talking to myself #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:39 | aoifeblood



@tnteacherTim excuse my ignorance, what is CEC? #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:40 | aoifeblood



@aoifeblood CEC = Central Executive Committee of the ASTI. #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:42 | tnteacherTim



@aoifeblood CEC : <http://t.co/0WZgHXN> #edchatie

15-Aug-11 20:43 | tnteacherTim



Never felt so ashamed as that day #edchatie #historyteacher RT @STMHS1: 15th Aug 1998 - Omagh, Real IRA car-bomb killed 29, wounded 220.

15-Aug-11 21:15 | levdauidovic



Sorry to have missed #edchatie tonight. Up in Sligo for a few days with the family. Beautiful place :) if only the weather would improve :(

15-Aug-11 21:21 | pamelaaobrien



#edchatie #historyteacher RT @STMHS1: 15 Aug 1915-Pte Denis McLean, Royal Munster Fusiliers, #Clonmel, Killed Gallipoli <http://t.co/j80Vn8S>

15-Aug-11 21:25 | levdauidovic



#edchatie #historyteacher @STMHS1 @CorkWFA RT @Tipplib: Cahir War Memorial <http://t.co/9zkBlfd>

15-Aug-11 21:28 | levdauidovic



#edchatie RT @archivesireland: 'If Maps Could Speak' talk, Richard Kirwan, Fmr Dir OSI, Tramore, Fri. 26 Aug #AAC2011 <http://t.co/nXDiBk5>

15-Aug-11 22:02 | levdauidovic