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**Christine Blower elected NUT deputy general secretary**

Christine Blower, President of the NUT in 1997 and secretary of the Union's Hammersmith and Fulham association, has been elected the next deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers. She will take up the post as soon as the necessary arrangements are made with her current employers.

She defeated John Bangs, head of the Union's education and equal opportunities department. The voting was as follows:

Christine Blower: 27,569 (54.8%)

John Bangs: 22,753 (45.2%)

The turnout for the ballot was 19.7%.

Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary, said:

“Christine made a very important contribution to the Union when President . Christine will be joining a very experienced team of professionals at Union headquarters. I know she will want to work with me and the Union's executive and excellent staff to promote the interests of members, teachers and children.

“I look forward to working with Christine.”

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