

NUT welcomes Government's Music Manifesto

Commenting on the Government's announcement today of music tuition for every pupil, Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary, said:

“Since the then Government's spending cuts of the 1980s and 1990s, music in schools has suffered. Too few resources and too little time have beset provision turning it into a Cinderella subject. Yet music in schools helps develop pupils' creative skills and provides life long pleasure.

“This Manifesto should help reverse that trend and will be welcomed by teachers and pupils across the country. Welcome as this initiative is, it can only work if sufficient resources are made available to schools to support the programme and greater flexibility over the curriculum is given to all schools.

“The fact that the Government is monitoring implementation of this initiative will provide the information needed to ensure it is effective. If not, the NUT will take the case back to the Government for an examination to establish the causes of failure.”