

Anti Academies Alliance



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Motion Affiliate to the Anti Academies Alliance: Oppose the privatisation of state education and help build a National Campaign for Education

Please put this motion to your trade union branch or school governing body:

The AAA remains resolutely opposed to the Academies Programme. We are not against the children, parents or teachers who go to academy schools, but we are opposed to the politicians and big businesses that have used academy conversion to help privatise and deregulate state education.

Nearly 10 years on, it is now clear that our central argument – that academies programme was about privatisation – has been vindicated. But much worse is to come, unless we fight hard. There are some who now want to continue the direction of travel and see the ‘profit motive’ running our schools

It is clear that there are significant forces who want to see a return of the ‘profit motive’ in the running of our schools. As Finnish education expert Pasi Salhberg calls it, ‘GERM’ – The Global Education Reform Movement – is spreading like a virus across the world’s education systems. The proponents of GERM have established a hegemonic position in many policy areas. This requires a new, united defence of education.

The Anti Academies Alliance wants to work with school staff, parents, educationalists, those opposing privatisation and austerity measures and others to build a new National Campaign for Education that puts forward an entirely different vision of education than GERM.

This branch resolves/We resolve to affiliate to the Anti Academies Alliance (see costs below) and to make a donation of £_____ to the ongoing costs of continuing to support campaigns against academies where parents and teachers choose to do so and to build a National Campaign for Education that calls for a comprehensive, democratic and progressive vision of education that has social justice and high quality at its heart.

Affiliation costs

Individuals are encouraged to make a small monthly standing order. Individual membership is £24 annually.

Trade Unions are encouraged to make affiliations as follows: £400 national, £200 district and £50 local.

Parent & other organisations are encouraged to make affiliations as follows: £50 national, £25 district and £10 local.

How to pay

Method 1) You can pay using a debit or credit card via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr>

Method 2) If you would rather pay by standing order, please download our [standing order form](http://antiacademies.org.uk/affiliate/) at <http://antiacademies.org.uk/affiliate/> or you can pay by cheque (*Cheques payable to Anti Academies Alliance.*)

Return forms or cheques to: **Anti Academies Alliance, PO Box 5408, BRIGHTON, BN50 8HB**