

National Executive Candidates 2025 – 2026

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Ally Kemplen

Nominated for: **Support Staff, General Membership**

Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:

I am skilled in advocacy and support for others. My work with children, work colleagues and union members has been acknowledged as something that empowers them to achieve.

I am confident in speaking up for people's rights. The opportunities I have had to speak on behalf of others have made me a confident advocate.

NZEI experience:

- **Support Staff worksite rep Newton Central School 2001-2024**
- **Auckland Support Staff rep National Leadership group (SSNCKT) 2017-2022**
- **Support Staff rep National Executive 2022-present (including Exec liaison to SSNCKT)**
- **Collective Agreement team member**
- **Teacher Aide Mana Taurite/Pay Equity team member**
- **Collective Agreement team leader**
- **Award at CTU Women's Conference**
- **Associate award NZEI Te Riu Roa**
- **Teacher Aide Funding Review Sector Reference Group**
- **Other background and personal information:**

I am a proud teacher aide of 26 years. It is my immense privilege to work with children who have additional needs and to support them to progress and flourish.

The work of support staff was for so long undervalued, and it was NZEI Te Riu Roa that took on the challenge of making sure our work was valued. Being part of the Mana Taurite/Pay Equity campaign is something I will be forever proud of. We still have a way to go so all support staff have secure employment and a career pathway, and I look forward to continuing contributing to that journey.

I consider myself to be a strong advocate for social justice. I spend time supporting various causes involving marginalised peoples' rights.

In my downtime I like to read, the library is my happy place! Spending time with friends and family, enjoying food together and sharing stories and laughter is food for my soul.