CAMPAIGNING FOR JUSTICE AND BUILDING SOLIDARITY AT THE WORKPLACE AND BEYOND

Özgür Bozdoğan

General Secretary of Education and Higher Education
1. Education and science workers movement started in 1908 in Turkey during the Ottoman Empire time with an association called Encumen-i Muallimin.

2. This movement has been going on for nearly 111 years in different forms like associations, foundations and the final form of this movement is trade union.

3. During the three coups education and science workers movement union were attacked seriously. Trade unions and associations were closed and most of the activists were imprisoned.

4. Since 1990, this movement has been going on in the form of «trade union».

5. Eğitim Sen was founded in 1995 as a result of emerging two separated trade unions, Egit-Sen and Eğitim-İş.
The way we work...

- Decision making body meetings (councils)
- School meetings
- Regional meetings
- Campaigns
- Social Dialogue (limited)
- Cooperation with other organizations (political and human rights issues)
Eğitim Sen General Council
Decision making body...
School meetings, the most important tool...
A school meeting in Izmir
From a school meeting
Feray, in a school meeting in Istanbul.
Our Campaigns...

- Since May 2017, we have been running campaigns with the new elected Executive Board Members.

- At the focus of the campaigns, we take into consideration the rights, freedoms and general rights of the employees and our student’s right to education.

- In the last 2 years, we started 3 different campaigns. The last campaign is still going on.

- While we are running this campaigns, we are always in solidarity with the other organizations exercising in the field of education and science.
Don’t Touch My Future, My Right to Education
A TEACHER CHANGES THE WORLD
FOR OUR RIGHTS, OUR FUTURE AND OUR STUDENTS RIGHT TO EDUCATION (Going on)
How do we do?

1. Raising awareness, generalizing knowledge
2. Molding public opinion
3. Getting positive results

- Brochures, reports, social media, mass media, school meetings, panel discussions and scientific studies, protest meetings, petitions etc...