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**NATIONAL EDUCATION
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INFORMATION SHEET

NEUSA is a non-racial association formed by educationists in a situation where the main teacher organizations have a racial character as a result of the apartheid structure of South African education.

It is the belief of NEUSA that educationists will be able to take responsibility for the ways in which their skills are made use of in racially segregated South Africa only if they unite in a powerful, single association or union.

No other profession is divided as teachers are, and the co-ordination of teacher organizations with the apartheid system is a slur on their professional integrity which teachers should struggle to remove.

Those who met to establish NEUSA did so because existing teacher organizations were seen to be inadequate in their responses to the ongoing educational crises and the inequalities which continue to characterize our educational system. Furthermore, it was realized that the racial character of existing organizations limited them to representing the interests of only sections of the community.

NEUSA's present policy thrust and commitment is

1. the achievement of a single, unified and equal education system in which schools, colleges, technikons and universities will be open to all South Africans
2. to promote teacher and parent responsibility for the design and control of education in consultation with the student body and the wider community, such as other professional associations, community organizations, trade unions, churches, universities, commerce and industry
3. to support efforts to achieve a democratic and economically just society in which education will be freely and equally available to all

4. to examine educational content and the redistribution of educational resources with regard to South African realities
5. to widen and deepen the present debate about education in South Africa by means of research, conferences, seminars, workshops and publications.

The NEUSA Constitution provides for co-operation, where appropriate, with other educational organisations and NEUSA membership does not prevent individuals from joining other associations.

NEUSA's more immediate aims are:

1. Equal per capita expenditure on education within an integrated education system.
2. The provision of equal facilities in educational institutions.
3. Parity of salaries for teachers carrying the same responsibilities and workload.
4. Equal and integrated teacher training facilities, and in-service training to remedy under-qualification.
5. School feeding and improved health care.

JSA's members believe that teaching is not a neutral activity and that at present education gives some huge advantages in comparison and competition with others. If present divisions are not to be perpetuated, then educators need to work for a system in which racial and class inequalities are transcended.

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Application for Membership

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