

## NOMINATE UNITE THE UNION Gerard Coyne

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## Gerard Coyne My key commitments to you:

- 1 I will build a stronger, more effective union not waste time playing Westminster politics
- 2 I will freeze your membership subscriptions and give you better value for your money
- 3 I will make skills, training and apprenticeships a top priority for Unite
- I will clean up Unite and put power back in your hands
- 5 I will put equality and openness at the heart of Unite with no tolerance of bullying or discrimination

As a Unite member you deserve to be safe and secure in your job, to be treated fairly, and to have a decent quality of life. That's what we should focus on as a union. But our current leader has been more concerned with Westminster politics and with his own financial interests than making a real difference for you. Our union needs cleaning up so we can get on with the right job: protecting and defending our members at work.

To be an effective union, we need to move with the times. Employers are using competition from other countries to justify keeping wages low. They are reducing terms and conditions, increasing zero hours and agency contracts, and threatening redundancies. We have got to be strong, smart, organised and not distracted by party politics. I refuse to stand by as we are dragged back to a Victorian Britain of insecure and poorly paid employment.

Branch WM/6090 Membership Number: 14386317 It's time we re-established a union you can be proud of. One that is focused on our members and delivering for you. Putting your concerns first to achieve decent treatment, safety and security at work, and better living standards for you and your family.

I have been at the frontline of the union movement my entire working life. I have spent 28 years in the service of the union and led Unite in the West Midlands more than 15 years. I know what we can achieve when we use our industrial knowledge and muscle, and I deliver for our members. I have negotiated with countless employers in the West Midlands, and I have helped protect tens of thousands of jobs in the region. I will stand up for all our members, from every workplace and every region of the country, and give you honest and effective leadership.

Together, let's take back our union!

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