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## Ann Henderson



Dear colleague,

I am writing to seek your support for my election to Labour's National Executive Committee.

Our Party is now the biggest political party in Europe, and confidence is growing amongst our membership in every part of the country. The Labour manifesto for the 2017 General Election was clear in its socialist ambition, and under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn those views continue to gain popular support. In Scotland this was confirmed in Richard Leonard's success in the recent Leadership election.

I am standing because I am keen to contribute to the NEC in rebuilding the Party, democratising the organisation, and taking on real challenges from Scotland to the South East of England. I would stand up for policies that are in the interests of working people, building a Party which places our members and our links with trade unions at its heart, and learning from the current Party Democracy Review.

I have extensive experience at many levels of the Labour Party, through local and Constituency posts, and previously as a member of the National Policy Forum and Scottish Policy Forum. I was elected to Labour's Scottish Executive Committee in February 2017, and have been centrally involved in re-establishing an annual, policy-making, Scottish Labour Women's Conference, with local structures fully involving women members.

In the past, I worked with the Campaign Group of MPs, the Labour Women's Action Committee, and I support the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy. I have been an active member of the Labour Party and trade union movement since the early 1980s, having been employed on the railway, in community development work, in the Scottish Parliament, and latterly as an Assistant Secretary at the Scottish TUC.

I recently participated in the Scottish Commission on Older Women, focussing on women's experiences in the labour market. In February 2018, I was elected by staff and students as Rector of Edinburgh University. I remain a member of the RMT and am also a member of the GMB.

I am interested in building a viable, modern and dynamic democratic socialist party that can deliver real change to Britain in government, and I will endeavour to be an attentive voice of the membership in this process. I would be grateful if you would consider nominating me for the NEC.

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