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Dear Colleagues

## Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (South East)

This summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in our region on the National Policy Forum. Ahead of the election I am writing to seek your constituency's nomination. The closing date for nominations to be received is in June 2018, nomination forms and details of the process were sent to CLP secretaries with the annual conference pack.

## Process and accessibility

In order to access the full potential of our membership (our greatest asset) our members must be genuinely engaged in all aspects of the party's functioning. Party processes must be transparent, fair, accessible, and engaging, particularly when it comes to policy making. As your representative I would listen to all members, I would look to achieve a proper hearing for member contributions (especially in the areas of expertise that all of us have), and I would look to be as transparent about goings on and my own actions as possible. I would explore new ways of engaging with members on policy, including through development of our digital collaboration tools. This would include live reporting from key meetings (as I did as Milton Keynes North delegate at the 2017 conference), and visiting constituencies around the region. I would be accountable to you.

## Policy

Addressing rampant inequality and ecological degradation on a global scale will require fundamental system changes. In tackling these challenges we can learn from the past, but there is also a need to identify completely new ways of implementing our socialist principles. To begin with this means adding depth and implementation plans to our fantastic 2017 manifesto. In the longer term we will need to be more ambitious and more innovative. As a climate change researcher I feel that our environmental policies could be so much more inspirational, and this is an area I would take particular personal interest in as your representative. I support the party and its leadership in their recent steps to increase engagement with members and communities around the country. I would seek to support and build this work in the South East. Outside my own specific areas of expertise my policy priorities on the NPF would be those of the South East, housing, health, education, and transport as well as those you bring to me.

## About me

For the last six years I have been working as a climate change researcher focusing on the human impacts of climate change, and evaluating policy responses in some of the most exposed countries (Bangladesh, Vietnam, Philippines). I have briefed government officials on the latest knowledge on adapting to climate change and published across a variety of mediums (see my latest article [here](#)). In March 2018 I started a new role at the New Economics Foundation. My experience will allow me to contribute on sustainability issues right across the policy spectrum. I am a member of Unite Community and Momentum.

## What you can expect from me

I would approach this position with enthusiasm and an open mind. Inspired by the policies, principles, and current leadership of the Labour party I threw everything I had at the 2017 general election campaign in Milton Keynes. In particular I spent almost every day generating social media content which centred around our key policy pledges. This reached hundreds of thousands of people. Together we achieved a lot in 2017, now we build strong, democratic, foundations for even more inspirational and aspirational policies that will reach, mobilise, and inspire even more people. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours, Alex

