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Nomination for the National Policy Forum (South East Region) - Election 2018

Dear Constituency Secretary,

I am writing to your Members to ask if they would nominate me for election as a representative on the S.E. Region National Policy Forum. The closing date for nominations is 22nd June 2018. CLP secretaries will have received details of the process and nomination forms in the pack for annual conference

Reasons for standing for election

The Labour Manifesto is a brilliant piece of work founded on Member's ideas and practical suggestions drawn from "the many, not the few". I would feel very privileged to encourage members to have the confidence to express their ideas which I would present to the S.E. Policy Forum. There are many local SE issues, which are individual to each CLP but have been caused by Tory policy. (For example; lack of affordable housing, homelessness, poverty, health, social care, education, use of the environment, safety, transport) Positive ideas to tackle these issues need to be gathered and voiced, so that informed grassroots' policy thinking can be fed back to the National Policy Forum.

I strongly believe that the strength of our Labour Government lies in united decision making, which involves all members. I would like to play a part in advancing this process. .

My personal experience

40 years experience of teaching in Early Years, Primary and Post 16. My responsibilities have included Special Needs co-ordination, training and foundation degree work for mature students and administration as a Deputy Head. I have been a member of the NUT and ATL Unions. Being the main carer for my elderly mother, sharing the struggles of young family members to find affordable housing and canvassing on the street has given me a great deal of insight into the hardships, that all generations face under this austerity based Tory government .

How I would represent members in the SE Region

I would ensure that Members' views are fairly represented at regional meetings including those of young labour, LGBT, BAME, members with disabilities and both new and long-standing members. Facilitating discussion seminars and participating in training sessions have underlined my knowledge that Members are greatly inspired by the values and principles of social justice, fair distribution of wealth, equality of opportunity and true democracy adhered to by the current leadership of our Labour Party. I am a good listener and am very willing to attend CLP meetings across the district to gain an insight into members' views of both local and national issues. CLP Members have innovative, original and creative proposals that should be shared across the S.E.region and I would be pleased to present these for discussion at the Policy Forum. Feedback is essential, after members have contributed their opinions and ideas. I will readily present these at meetings, in writing or on the internet. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions,

Kind regards,

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