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Dear Members,

### **Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (East Midlands)**

Constituency Labour Party's will soon be voting to decide who represents Labour Party members in the East Midlands on the National Party Forum(NPF). I am contacting you to request your Constituency's nomination. The closing date for nominations to be received is June 2018, nomination forms and details of the process were sent to CLP secretaries with the annual conference pack.



### **Process and accessibility**

The Labour Party members are our greatest asset. In order to realise the potential of our membership they must be fully engaged in all aspects of our party's functioning. I have extensive experience of representing Labour members through positions held at Branch and CLP and having attended and spoken at regional and national conferences and stood as a candidate for the local elections in Derby on several occasions. In terms of policy making, the party must be, transparent, fair, accessible, and engaging.

### **My Politics**

My politics completely accord with the 2017 Labour Party Manifesto. I seek to reverse the marketisation which has swept through all of our public services and restore democratic public ownership of our utilities, health care and educational institutions. We must restore living standards which have been sacrificed by the Tories to enhance the wealth of the few. The welfare state must no longer be used as a means of profit for a small proportion of people. Only then can we restore the quality of the health service, education, housing and social care to that which benefits all. It was the Labour Party who created a welfare state for all. It has been the Tories with their Lib-Dem helpers who have been destroying it.

### **Policy**

My particular area of policy expertise is education. I have worked in education for over 30 years. I have briefed government officials, researched and written extensively in the area. We need to reapply our Labour Party values and socialist principles to restore schools, colleges and universities to local democratic public ownership/control. Our schools are being used as a cash source for academy chains, 70% of which are now in debt; our children's education is being used as an ideological tool to benefit the private sector. We must restore school budgets that have been viciously cut, restore EMA's so children can access Further Education and restore maintenance grants/scrap tuition fees for Higher Education. Only with these policies can we restore education as a **service** for the many and not cash for the few.

### **What you can expect from me**

I would approach this position with commitment, enthusiasm and drive to engage and inspire members. As your representative I would represent your views in all areas of policy. I would listen to all members, look to achieve a proper hearing for member contribution and be transparent in my conduct. I would explore effective ways of engaging with members on policy, including through the development of our digital collaboration tools. This would include live reporting from key meetings and visiting constituencies around the region and by being genuinely accountable to you.

Yours sincerely-Cecile

