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Dear friends

Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (East Midlands)

This summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in our region on the National Policy Forum (NPF). 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.



About me

I have been a member of the Labour party for the past 8 years. During this time I have held positions at Branch and CLP level including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Officer and Election Agent for our Parliamentary Candidate. I have also served a four-year term as a Labour County Councillor in Nottinghamshire. I currently work for a trade union as a Membership Administrator and have been a Trade Union Representative and Branch Officer in the past.

What you can expect from me

I am seeking your nomination to serve on the NPF because despite having been a Labour Party member for several years, I have very little idea what the NPF does and how it works within the party. There are too many "Secret Societies" within the Labour Party which hold power and keep it away from the wider membership. I would seek to blow open the secrecy and mystery surrounding the NPF and make it into something that the membership feels like we own and can have genuine influence upon. In the spirit of demystifying the inner working of the Labour Party, I would produce regular reports and blog posts on my NPF activities, accessible to all members and would be happy to visit CLPs to speak about my experience.

Areas of interest

I worked for over a decade in the Criminal Justice Sector so have a solid interest and understanding of matters involving supporting victims of crime and also the rehabilitation of offenders. I served four years as Vice-Chair of the Community Safety Committee on Nottinghamshire County Council and was the Lead-Member on Domestic and Sexual Violence. This is an area where I think we need to develop some robust policies to provide support to those fleeing abuse and violence, including the reinstatement of grants for those who find themselves rehomed in a crisis. My time on the council also gave me a good grasp of the issues and challenges currently facing local government and I have a keen interest in exploring the potential and possibilities of properly resourced local authorities with increased powers under a Jeremy Corbyn led Labour Government.

I hope I can count on your CLP for your nomination.

Yours, Alice