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Dear Labour Party Members,

I am seeking nominations from CLP's in the East Midlands for the **National Policy Forum**. Your CLP Secretary will have received information about the process along with a nomination form for the NPF in their conference information pack. The closing date for nominations is June 2018.

Process, Accessibility, Accountability: Representing Members

The membership of our party should play a central role in determining, scrutinising and proposing policy. Where this is not already the case, elected representatives on policy making bodies should ensure that they maintain a keen awareness of the views, feelings and opinions of our growing membership. Labour's structures need to be populated with activists who represent the new spirit and membership of the party: by people who are responsive and accountable to the membership. I am committed to openness, accessibility and accountability and will ensure that the views of the membership are heard loud and clear in the policy formation process.

My politics

As the prospect of a Labour government with Jeremy as Prime Minister becomes both increasingly likely and more desperately necessary, it is important that people who share his and the collective vision of socialists more generally take on roles within Labour's structures. Our 2017 Manifesto outlined a radical agenda focussed on securing significant change for the significant majority. Labour in government will have the opportunity to undo the neoliberal plundering of the welfare state and public sector; to re-make the education system through our National Education Service; to rescue the NHS; repeal anti-union laws and re-align the priorities driving foreign and defence policies towards more peaceful ends. Our ambition is to achieve a new and irreversible social settlement for the benefit of the many, not the few. This is a vision I wholeheartedly share.

Policy

Having taught in inner-city secondary schools for many years and through recent experience as a WEA tutor, I have witnessed the terrible damage inflicted upon the education sector by successive governments. Labour in power will make rapid progress on reforming the education system and transforming the lives of both children and older learners. I have a particular interest in the relationship between education and work, related to ongoing research into industrial democracy and workers control. I would therefore also be interested in working on policy related to new forms of public ownership, socially useful production, just transition and workplace democracy. I am a director of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and have a deep commitment to securing more rational and peaceful approaches to defence and foreign policy.

Many thanks!

Tom