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This summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in our region on the National Policy Forum. I am writing to seek your constituency's nomination.



### **Representing Members and Accountability**

Members need a stronger voice in shaping the party's policy agenda. That includes having more accountable representatives on the National Policy Forum. I'm committed to attending CLP and branch meetings across London, presenting on current policy and consultations, and gathering opinions and input from the membership. From my own experience, branches and CLPs pass many important motions on policy that often disappear into the ether. We need a more active process of gathering these and feeding these into the NPF process. Accountability should be an ongoing and active process.

### **Policy and Politics**

The NPF needs more left-wing members committed to system change, backing Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell's ambition. We've got an urgent task of adding depth and implementation plans to our inspiring 2017 manifesto – while working out how to be more transformative and delivering the change we know the country needs.

As a left-wing energy economist, I think we need to be bold about building 21st century democratic models of public ownership and municipal energy. The climate crisis demands action on a scale we haven't seen – and creates opportunities to transform our whole society and economy, creating socialism and democracy. The transition to a cleaner future must be just for workers and communities, create good decent jobs and place caring at its heart.

Labour has big tasks - facing up to rampant inequality, the housing crisis, creeping privatisation in NHS, schools crumbling with cuts and hollowed out councils. I'm eager to represent the views of members across all policy areas.

### **My background**

While chair of Walthamstow South Labour branch and a delegate to our Constituency

General Committee, I initiated community organising activities and represented opinion from the branch. Am a member of Momentum, Unite Community and UNISON, and active in Trade Unions for Energy Democracy.

As a campaigner, energy has been my policy focus since 2005, challenging fossil fuel corporations that harmed workers, human rights and the climate. My books and chapters e.g. [The Oil Road](#) and [Energy beyond Neoliberalism](#).

In 2015 I co-founded Labour Energy Forum to provide leftwing transformative policy analysis on energy to the Labour Party. We organised 12 fringe events at 2017 Labour Conference with left members of the Shadow Cabinet. I've worked with Labour-run councils to divest their local government pension funds from fossil fuels, and with trade unions to push for more public ownership of our utilities.

I also spent three years in Egypt during the revolution and two years in Palestine, supporting local social movements, challenging UK militarist foreign policy and campaigning against UK aid being used to privatise public services.