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Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (South West youth) elections 2018

Dear Colleagues,

In the summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in our region on the National Policy Forum, I am writing to ask for your constituency's nomination as the youth representative for the South West. **The closing date for CLP nominations is Friday 22nd June 2018**, details of the process and nomination forms have been sent to your CLP secretary with the annual conference pack. The nominations period will then be followed by a one-member-one-vote ballot.

About me

I'm a student of Politics and Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Plymouth. At university I chair the Howard League for Penal Reform student society, organising events to raise money and awareness for a number of ex-offender and victim support charities such as The Shekinah Mission and the Plymouth Domestic Abuse Service. I have also had the opportunity of representing our student body at the recent conference of the National Union of Students, having been elected as a delegate. As the new Youth Officer of Totnes CLP, I plan to hold youth-organised canvassing and informal meetings to engage younger members and encourage higher youth turn-out at CLP meetings. I have experience of canvassing and leafleting primarily through running as a by-election candidate in Totnes ward for South Hams District Council. I have also worked on campus with Plymouth Labour Students and have been heavily involved in the planning of events including: registering to vote campaigns; young member socials and a meeting with Jeremy Corbyn to discuss a campaign video about students in our party. We have been very well received on campus and have managed to take that out onto the streets of Plymouth, with some student members joining us canvassing for Luke Pollard.

Process and accessibility

I passionately believe in youth involvement in the party, and our input into the policies that will shape our futures. For too long young people have been absent from much of the policy-making process across our region. Young Labour groups are often not provided with the funding and autonomy for policy discussions, leading to young members feeling shut out from submissions to policy commissions. I pledge to be a strong voice for Young Labour on the NPF and hold decision-makers to account on youth input. Being a geographically vast region, I'm happy to meet with young members across different CLPs.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Yours in solidarity,

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