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Dear Friends,

## Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (Scotland)

This summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in Scotland on the National Policy Forum. Ahead of the election I am writing to seek the nomination of your constituency party. Nominations close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June and details of the process were sent to CLP secretaries in the annual conference pack.

## Process and accessibility

As your representative I would listen to all members seeking to have an input in the policy process and will see my role as a delegate for Scottish members to represent the specific concerns in both urban and rural communities across the country. In order to best engage with members I will file regular reports of every meeting and accept invitations to speak to members. I will explore new ways of engaging with members on policy, including development of our digital tools.



## Policy

On the NPF I will focus on the industrial strategy that I believe will write the blueprint for our future as a party and commit myself to policies that will provide security and fulfilment in work. In Richard Leonard's campaign last year we reignited the debate in the Scottish party on private renting, public ownership, and employment - it will be these focuses that I hope to bring to the UK party, to complement the fantastic work achieved in our 2017 manifesto For the Many, Not the Few. For too long communities across Scotland have seen their assets sold into private hands and the jobs they rely on taken away. Our first priority as a party must be to present an alternative. Outside my policy priorities, my focus on the NPF will be protecting Scotland's devolution settlement and improving upon it.

## About me

I currently work as Neil Findlay MSP's senior researcher at the Scottish Parliament. Prior to this I worked for Elaine Smith MSP and I am a PhD candidate at the University of Glasgow in the area of sociology. I taught extensively on that subject and contributed to seminars and lectures on research methods and education, teaching undergraduates, postgraduates, and adult education classes. Last year I was the Mobilisation Organiser for Richard Leonard's successful Scottish Labour leadership campaign. I am a member of Unite and the current Secretary of the Campaign for Socialism. I have previously been a union representative for UNISON and the UCU.

## What you can expect from me

I work on a daily basis with policy detail and it is my belief that the NPF should serve as a means to realise the values held by our members with well formulated policy that can radically change every part of this country. We should be ambitious that we can once again speak to working class communities across this island, but also find new audiences in rural and urban areas that were turned off by the stultifying 'market first' rhetoric of New Labour. I believe the NPF should be the bedrock of that change, not a means to resist it.