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Seeking Nomination for National Policy Forum (Scotland region, Youth Rep)

This summer, we will be voting for Scottish representatives to the party's National Policy Forum. Ahead of the election, I am writing to seek your constituency party's nomination for the position of Youth Rep. The deadline for nominations is June 2018.

About Me

I'm an 18-year old student from Coatbridge and have been a member since June 2016. I'm a student of economics, and know too well the pressures young people face nowadays, having worked in retail. In my time in the party, I have tirelessly campaigned in Coatbridge for councillors and was part of the campaign which returned Hugh Gaffney as MP. I have experience in Labour Party structures, having served as Scottish Young Labour's Campaigns officer and a recent conference delegate. I am a member of Campaign for Socialism.

Policy

The Labour Party's offer to young people cannot stop in university towns. In order to achieve the highest possible support, we must add more depth to our manifesto and rebalance our focus towards a better offer for young people in post-industrial towns across Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom. The NPF should lead on this, pushing a set of policies around further education, apprenticeships and job security. This is urgent in Scotland, where young people are still drawn in by the constitutional vices of other parties. We must promote policies which convince all young people in Scotland that we offer them their best future. If elected, I will bring forward some of the policies passed by SYL in the last two years

Accountability

If elected as Scottish youth rep on the NPF, I pledge to work closely with the recently-elected Scottish Young Labour executive. As an officer on the previous committee, I realise how important it is for all youth reps in the party to communicate with each other. I would fight to make sure members' contributions are regularly heard by the NPF. If elected, I would report my activities in the role on a regular basis through e-mail briefings and a dedicated Facebook page and would be happy to be invited to speak to members about party policy and give updates about the NPF at CLP meetings and other appropriate forums.

In solidarity,
Andrew