

Su Lowe

Email: sulowe@blueyonder.co.uk CLP: Stourbridge. Member no. A674134

Dear Colleagues

Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (West Midlands)

This summer members of the Labour Party will be voting to elect Members for the National Policy Forum. Ahead of the election I am writing to seek your constituency's nomination. The closing date for nominations to be received is in June 2018.

Nomination forms and details of the process were sent to CLP secretaries with the annual conference pack.

Policy

I am a passionate campaigner. Our Public services have become bound by complex ties of commercialism, bureaucracy and destructive government policies. I am clear that the voice of public sector and NHS workers and their patients is required at policy level. I am aware that as ordinary member of the party our voice as members is stronger than ever and needs to continue in this direction. I have led campaigns and spoken at national demonstrations, my contributions have been welcomed by the Labour party and its leadership and I am proud of this achievement. However the devil is in the detail.

In order to prepare our policy makers for government the knowledge of the complex NHS machine that I can bring on your behalf is essential.

As a Health Visitor I support young families in poverty or stress, worklessness or with mental or physical illness. I have worked with colleagues at all levels from GPs to Social workers, Probation officers to Psychiatrists in order to improve their life experience in the face of austerity.

I am currently standing down as an Officer for Unite the union where I can take this work further, I can support my colleagues in their fight against cuts to our services and jobs.

About Me

I am an active Labour member in Stourbridge. I have been a Nurse, now a Health Visitor in our NHS for 30 years. I have been an active Trade Unionist for all of these years, beginning in NUPE and now UNITE/CPHVA.

I am a mother of 2 daughters now grown and work in my community fighting against Homelessness and childrens service cuts, supporting carers, disability rights and Fairtrade.

Those who know me know how hard I fight and have always fought for my NHS colleagues, our public services and for social justice.

When I qualified as a Health Visitor I was able to work in Public Health and addressing inequalities in our communities. Socialism in action.

What you can expect from me

I would bring enthusiasm and passion to this role, I am keen to maintain communication if successful as I believe that together we can bring a lot to the forum. I am encouraged by the Manifesto and am so proud that I played a small part in the Health policy. I'm determined to play a larger part as your representative on this committee.

I have the Labour Party at heart and I hope to encourage those members that struggle to grasp its processes to take a fuller part. I have needed support at times and feel that to achieve Democratic Policy Development I would be required to be transparent, inclusive and accountable if successful in this process.

In Socialism

Su Lowe

