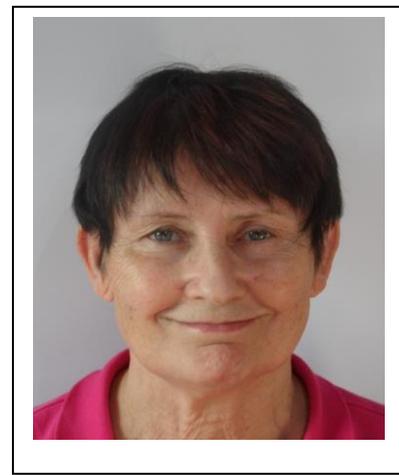


**TERESA BEDDIS**  
**MERIDEN CLP**  
**MEMBER NO: A399419**  
[tbeddis@hotmail.com](mailto:tbeddis@hotmail.com)



Dear Colleagues,

Ref Nominations for the National Policy Forum (NPF) - West Midlands.  
The Labour Party (LP) is currently asking CLP's to nominate candidates for election as regional representatives of members on the NPF.

I am therefore writing to ask your CLP to nominate me.

#### **ABOUT ME:**

First and foremost I am a socialist. I am passionate about my politics and make no apology for being on the left of the Party. My hero as a teenager was Tony Benn – he was my grandparents' MP in Bristol. I was a secondary school humanities teacher for 30 years and have a degree in Modern Studies (History, Politics and Economics). I have maintained an interest in education and am a school governor. I am a very active party member and have held various positions in the Party – from secretary to CLP Chair. I am currently a Branch Secretary and my CLP's Women's Officer and Political Education Officer.

#### **POLICY**

Three policy areas in which I am particularly interested are education, the economy and animal welfare.

**EDUCATION:** I welcomed our 2017 Manifesto in respect to education but was disappointed by the lack of a creative response to the privatisation of so much of our education system by academisation and the increasing mental health problems of students due to the target orientated curriculum. I believe our members can contribute considerably to this debate – as students, parents and lifelong learners.

**THE ECONOMY:** The return to more Keynesian economics by the Party and the rejection of neo liberalism is something I have waited for since the days of Thatcher. We have finally started to develop an ethical economic policy. However far too many members of the public still believe the Tory lie that Labour cannot be trusted with the economy. Our members come from all walks of life and I believe we can collectively develop strategies for debunking this myth.

**ANIMAL WELFARE:** This is often a Cinderella area of policy. There are estimated to be about 51 million pets in the UK owned by some 11 million households. The pet industry is worth over £7 billion a year. The British public love their pets but hidden amongst this are serious abuses of animal welfare. I would be interested in talking to other members who share my interest in this area so we can help the Party develop its animal welfare policy.

#### **DEMOCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY – WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT OF ME:**

I would be honoured to represent LP members in the West Midlands on the NPF. I am committed to extending party democracy (I am a member of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy) and would seek to reflect and promote the ideas of party members in our region. As your representative I would endeavour to ensure that resolutions / policy suggestions are seen and considered and reported back upon. The policy mantra "for the many not the few" should apply to LP internal democracy as much as it does to society at large.

In comradeship

Teresa