

# Denise Robson

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Dear Colleague

## Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (Northern Region)

This summer, members get to vote for our region's representatives on the National Policy Forum. I am writing to ask for your CLP's nomination.



### Process

As CLP Chair in Gateshead, I encourage our growing membership to get more involved, by making the party more welcoming, demystifying processes and enabling full participation in the Democracy Review and policy discussion. Collectively, Labour's membership, with its extensive knowledge and experience, makes us an authoritative thinktank. If elected, my role would be to channel that experience and grasp of policy, ensuring the voice of Labour in the North is incorporated into our next manifesto. I will create new electronic channels of communication with CLPs, attend your meetings and help demystify the process.

### Policy

The impact of austerity policies, and the funnelling of government funding away from the North, have brought back worrying levels of poverty, especially among children and disabled people. But by building on Labour's excellent 2017 manifesto, we can rebuild our industrial capacity and regional pride, transform our communities, rebuild hope for the future among young people, ensure our NHS outshines any health system globally by keeping it public, delivering the mental health services people need and guarantee vulnerable people the care we would wish for ourselves.

### About me

A Labour activist for 38 years, I have served a councillor in Gateshead, and before this in Hackney, championing the needs of disabled people, patients and carers. In my working life, I write bids to secure the future of services in the voluntary sector. If elected, I would seek to represent members' views on all policy areas as well as I can, although health and social care are my personal interests. Having a say on party policy is ultimately why we all joined the Labour Party. I support the principles and policy direction of Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, which seek to change the system, so it works for the many, not the few, and build a fairer Britain.

Yours

Denise