



Mary Foy for National Policy Forum

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I would be very grateful if your CLP would consider nominating me for re- election to the National Policy Forum. I have the support of Unite the Union, Unison and the FBU.

I was elected to the policy forum in 2015 and was initially on the commission for Health and Social Care and currently on Work, Pensions and Equality.

I have an excellent record of attending and contributing to my policy meetings and have organised for the members of my commission to carry out an evidence gathering session in Gateshead so that they hear first-hand the experiences of people in receipt of Universal Credit and those who support them. This is an important stage in the consultation process and will give the shadow minister and the other commission members a greater understanding of the difficulties many of our people are facing as well as the rise in regional inequality.

I am very passionate about the north and understand the unique identity, pride and great resolve of the people of our region. That said, through my role as a councillor I am acutely aware of the severe onslaught we continue to face from the Tory Government and their shameless attack not only on the most vulnerable but also the poor, the young and families. It is for this reason that I would like the opportunity to continue as your representative and provide a strong voice for the north.

Unfortunately, during my term on the NPF the policy making process was halted due to 2 leadership elections and the snap general election. Despite this, I believe we made a great start with Jeremy as our leader and produced a fantastic manifesto based on the principles of equality, solidarity and hope. But there is still more to do to achieve a Labour Government. I want to see grass-roots members, trade unions and socialist societies far more involved in developing and deciding party policy and that means continuing to modernise our structures.

I also believe our party structures should reflect the diversity of our grassroots members and my voice is that of a working class woman, mother, carer, local activist and trade unionist who firmly believes in an alternative vision of the society we live in today.

In solidarity, Mary

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