

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for standing in the General Election. WE know what a commitment it is and we want to offer you the chance to reach as many constituents as possible.

THE WOMEN'S EQUALITY PARTY VIRTUAL HUSTINGS.  
Reponses by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 5pm

The Women's Equality Party is a new collaborative force in UK politics. With 65,000 members and registered supporters across the four nations and over 75 branches, our message has spread a long way in 2 years. Already we've contested elections in the National Assemblies of Wales and Scotland, in Mayoral and GLA elections in London, in a London council & recent county council elections, and a Metro Mayor election. In each of these we have re-engaged absent voters especially women, transgender people and plenty of men too. Currently we're standing 7 candidates for Westminster including Sophie Walker, our leader, in Shipley.

The Women's Equality Party is distinctive from other parties because we are collaborative, non-partisan and we exist to put ourselves out of business. Our policies are crowd-sourced and our operations crowd-funded. Our vote share is very impressive for such a new and independently-funded political force. It shows the genuine depth of commitment from our supporters to achieving women's equality in the UK. We have 7 objectives approved by the 1500 delegates at our conference in 2016:

Equal Representation; Equal Parenting & Caregiving; An End to Violence Against Women and Girls; Equal Education; Equal Media Treatment; Equal Pay and Opportunity; Equality in Healthcare & Medical Research.

Our members, supporters and followers who can't vote for one of the seven women standing for Women's Equality in the General Election want to know from the other candidates how you can demonstrate your track record and future commitment to our aims. WE are not able to organize a hustings in every corner of the UK so we're holding a national virtual hustings. We're inviting you to answer our questions by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May and we'll post your responses on our Facebook and web pages along with responses of other candidates in Nottingham constituencies.

We will make sure that the responses are read and shared widely. In Nottingham we have 700 Facebook supporters; 700 Twitter followers and 470 members and registered supporters. Please feel free to consult our manifesto for information on our priorities and policies. Manifesto available here: <http://www.womensequality.org.uk/manifesto>.

Our local hustings questions to you are:

**Brexit**

- How will you ensure that Brexit will not turn back the clock on gender equality and will ensure a fair deal for women?

**Equal Education**

- What would be your approach to establishing robust Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) including LGBT+ sex education in all schools?

**Equal Parenting and Caregiving**

- What would be your approach to supporting more equal parenting, for example shared paid parental leave?

**An End to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**

- We are in support of the Nottingham Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence campaigns group (including Women's Aid Integrated Services; Notts Rape Crisis Centre; Nottingham Women's Centre and Equation among other local charities) which we are aware have asked candidates questions around VAWG and we will share links to their pages detailing candidates responses to their questions.
- Do you have any additional comments about tackling and addressing gender based violence locally?

**About You**

- What has been your track record in promoting equality in your previous work and career?

Please Email ([wepnottingham@gmail.com](mailto:wepnottingham@gmail.com)) your responses to us by 5pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. You can also tweet that you have responded using #WEPHustings.

As you would in a live hustings please keep your responses respectful, polite and focused on the questions posed. Please limit your answer to each question to 600 words. We will share your responses without comment provided they meet these conditions.

You will be able to find your responses and those of the other candidates here from Friday 26 May:  
[http://www.womensequality.org.uk/nottm\\_ge\\_hustings](http://www.womensequality.org.uk/nottm_ge_hustings)

Thank you for taking part in the first Women's Equality Party Hustings. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Branch Committee  
Women's Equality Party Nottingham