

Danielle Hetherington-Parker (UNISON BCP Branch - 22571) Nomination for South West Female Seat – NEC Election 2021

Dear Comrade,

I am writing to seek your Branch nomination for the South West Female Seat in the forthcoming National Executive Council elections.

I have worked within the community sector and local government and have held the roles of Branch Secretary, Equalities coordinator, and Labour Link officer at local level. Regionally I have been a member of both our Finance & Resource and Development & Organising committees and also held the lead for education.

As well as a committed activist within the labour movement I am an educator, social worker, and advocate who has devoted over a quarter of a century to fighting for an equitable, safe, supportive and informed society.

I stand now because the union needs to change, and the evidence shows that the current national leadership are not motivated to deliver. Our union is not strong enough, nor big enough. With an average density of just 26%, three quarters of workers would rather join another union or no union at all! After 10 years of the consciously cruel and abusive austerity agenda, this is simply inexcusable and indicative of our serious shortcomings.

Despite being the largest union, activists within all our branches have been working flat out to help and support our members. With the catastrophic and disproportionate consequences of COVID responses, government policy, anti-worker legislation and privatisation many are now reaching breaking point. The solution to the immediate struggle is a redistribution of our union resources. It must be an urgent national priority to support branches and organising campaigns.

UNISON must lead on pay and conditions; lead on health and safety; lead on eradicating discrimination and inequality; lead on organising; and lead by articulating the agonies of our members and our families.

UNISON can no longer play second fiddle to less resourced unions, this must change now! Pay demands must be supported with credible activity, organised campaigning, and trade unionist resistance and persistence!

I stand as a Members Candidate in solidarity with those from #OrganiseTogether. I will vote to back policies that will bring about meaningful and immediate change, to address the identified challenges, and to reach our target of 2 million members and 100,000 trained activists.

I will be transparent, accessible and will meaningfully consult with members, self-organised groups, branches and the region. I will amplify your voices. I will stand for change.

I would ask you to nominate the following: Danielle Hetherington-Parker, Mike Hines, Khaled Kiswani, Sean Fox, Sarah Feeney, Emma Garson, Joanne Tapper, Chris Townsend, Isla Watson, Jess McGuire, Abiola Kusoro, Manjula Kumari, Liz Cameron, Angela Hamilton, and Neelo Farr.

In Solidarity,
Danielle Hetherington-Parker

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