

**Nominate
Paula Carlyle
for the
National Female Disabled
Members Seat
in the 2021 NEC elections**



Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter at what I know is an unprecedented extremely busy time for us as activists. I am writing to ask if your branch [or body] would be prepared to nominate me to stand as a candidate for the National Female Disabled Members Seat in this year's National Executive Council (NEC) Elections?

I have been actively involved in Knowsley Local Government Branch as Assistant Branch Secretary and formerly as Equalities Co-ordinator and Branch Organiser, during which time I have consistently campaigned and organised on Equalities issues, including those of our Disabled Member's. For the past 2 years I have also had the honour of representing all our members in my role on our NEC and have continued to campaign both within my branch, region and nationally for the cessation of privatisation and outsourcing of our public services, which are needed in our communities, now more than ever, not only to provide much needed support to disabled people, including provision of much needed respite for carers, but also all other services which are increasingly used by everyone of us and will continue to be so, as we hopefully recover from the pandemic.

Our disabled members, their families and friends are only too aware that Tory policy also disproportionately affects disabled people and unfortunately due to the effects of Covid many more will now be negatively affected by their cruel policies. As the largest trade union in the country, we need to be at the forefront of the debate and ensure our members voices are heard – and heard loudly!

As a disabled person myself I will continue to tirelessly campaign for all our disabled members, on issues that matter to them. I would be a strong voice for further campaigning on these issues and would strive to ensure our union increases it's campaigning and up's it's game in representing all of our members.

I am asking for your support to fight for a visual, bold, effective UNISON. I would also ask you to consider nominating Sharron Nicoll who is also standing for the General Disabled Members Seat, as well as others who share similar views.

The nomination period for nominating bodies runs from 1st February until 5th March. Quorate meetings held between 1st February and 5th March can be used to agree nominations.

I hope that 2021 is a successful year for our members! Let's work to ensure we see an end to cruel tory policy and the restoration of dignity in work and working class communities.

Yours in Solidarity! Paula Carlyle (Membership No 8495596)

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ACTION FOR BETTER PAY

Vote to empower our members to take action on pay, terms and conditions. Proving the full support of the largest trade union in each battle.

We need to start preparing our members now for the battles we know we are going to be facing in the future or risk even more of our members being placed in poverty instead of removing them from it.

Our members shouldn't have to fight for their unions backing it should always be there!

ACTION TO ENSURE SAFETY

Vote to ensure our members are safe at work but also to ensure they have confidence in their union to protect them when it's not.

We need to stop any dithering and delay and be at the forefront of these battles and ensure that we are organised and ready to defend them.

TO STOP & REVERSE PRIVITISATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

The situation our public services are in must not continue for all our sakes. We must mobilise all our strength to ensure that no one is left in poverty or without healthcare.

Our services need proper investment to reverse the last 10+ years of Tory cuts and we need to STOP and REVERSE private companies profiting from our taxes!

DEFEND & IMPROVE WORKER RIGHTS, PROTECTIONS & SAFETY

As a Tory Brexit is now upon us we must ensure we use all of our might to stop our members becoming victims of the tax avoiding classes.

We need to educate our members and prepare them for the fight ahead, because we will have to fight in order to protect our current rights and to gain better rights than are currently afforded.

ENSURE LABOUR WORKS FOR US

We need an end to Labour councils attacks on our members pay, terms and conditions in the name of austerity.

The Labour Party MUST fight for us and never against us, if our members are to continue to support them, and we need to let the Labour Leadership know this.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

To achieve these aims and be ready to defend and fight for more we need to stop saying that 'our members won't take action' and start engaging with them, organising them, so that they will, or at least so we give them a voice instead of presuming their wishes.

The working classes only hope is solidarity with each other. With that we can achieve so much for them and their families to be able to live in dignity in the 5th richest nation in the world.

It should be our job as leaders to provide them with the means to do so, the hope that will be needed and the belief that WE CAN!