

Nominate Sharron Nicoll for the National General Disabled Members Seat in the 2021 NEC elections



Hello,

Thank you for making time to read my letter during this concerning and busy time for us all. I am writing to ask for your consideration that your Branch (or Body) nominate me to stand as a candidate for the **General Disabled Members Seat** in this years' National Executive Council (NEC) Elections.

I have been a member of UNISON since I began working for Knowsley Local Government in 1989 and have been employed in both Childrens' and Adult Social Care for nearly 32 years. I currently hold the **Equalities Officer** post in Knowsley UNISON and I am part of the **National Disabled Members' Committee** and hold the **North West Regional Female Seat**.

I have witnessed at first hand the effects of Tory Austerity to Health and Social Care and have campaigned for a number of years to protect our services and our members employed in these services. The cuts to Social Care have had a huge detrimental effect to our disabled members, their loved ones and their carers. This Pandemic has had a huge effect on our Community and its' services. Three-fifths of COVID-related deaths are of disabled people, and our disabled members are now facing deeper inequality which puts back our rights and inclusion. As a disabled person myself, my aim is to continue to campaign for all our disabled members to protect them and I would endeavour to be a positive influence to raise awareness in our Union of our most vulnerable members. Disabled people's organisations across the country report the government's failure to engage with them, as ministers prepare to publish their long-awaited disability strategy, therefore our Members need our Union now more than ever.

I am asking for your support to fight for a bold, effective UNISON. I would also ask you to consider nominating Paula Carlyle for the National Female Disabled Members Seat and others who share similar views.

Please find the nomination form attached for the nomination period 1st February – 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! Sharron Nicoll (Membership No 5314190)

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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!