

Centre Left Grassroots Alliance

National Policy Forum Elections 2012

Dear CLP Secretary

This year's National Policy Forum elections are the most important since the NPF began. The next 2 years will see the Party formulate a manifesto which will hopefully see it return to power. We must ensure that ordinary Grassroots members voices are heard.

As a CLP you can nominate up to 4 members in the CLP senior section to represent Yorkshire and the Humber. At least 2 of these should be women. The following candidates have all agreed to campaign for grassroots policies, report back to CLPs and fight for increased democracy within our Party. Please nominate your Grassroots Alliance candidates.

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"I'm standing for the NPF to build a campaigning Party with popular policies to win back the 5 million votes we lost between 1997 and 2010. As your voice, I would support practical policies to get Labour back in government, including building an economy based on fair taxation, public investment and regulation of the market to benefit ordinary working people. I am passionate about the Trade Union link and committed to working with members to develop policies for high-quality, responsive, accountable public services free from damaging marketisation and privatisation."



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As Keighley MP for 13 years I focused on defending vulnerable people especially young women. I have never shied away from difficult issues. A political activist for over 50 years I have always worked closely with members collecting membership, canvassing and fund raising. For me being on the NPF would not be a career move, but as a method of keeping in touch with and representing the Yorkshire and Humber membership to the best of my ability. I thank you in anticipation!



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First elected to the NPF in 1997 I have worked tirelessly to try and make sure your voices have been heard. I believe passionately in opposing the principle that Labour should manage capitalism more responsibly than the Tories. I believe we need to promise real change for ordinary working class people if we are to get re-elected. I will oppose nuclear proliferation, PFI and privatisation of our services. If re-elected I promise to feed back to all CLPs and act as your advocate in the policy making process. I hope you will nominate me and my Grassroots colleagues.



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I believe that electoral success requires a reconnection with our core Labour voters. To achieve this we need investment in economic growth supported by a fair distribution of wealth, a strong link between the Party and trade unions to protect working people and a strong public sector that ensures no one in Britain is marginalised. As a member of the NPF I would campaign to safeguard the inclusion of these principles in Labour Party policy.

"Grassroots Alliance candidates believe that members views should form the basis for policy development in the Party. We promise to act as a conduit for members views, visit CLPs to engage members in policy discussions and report back on a regular basis."