

# Welsh Labour Grassroots

## *Gwreiddiau Llafur Cymru*

***Campaigning for democracy and socialist policies***

### **NATIONAL POLICY FORUM ELECTION 2012 (WELSH CLPs)**

**Nominate Nick Davies, Annabelle Harle, Donna Hutton and Darren Williams**

The four seats representing Welsh constituency parties on the National Policy Forum – Labour’s principal policy-making body – are to be elected once again by a ballot of all members in Wales. CLPs can make nominations up to 30<sup>th</sup> March and the four party members listed here – who are all experienced Labour activists and three of whom are sitting NPF members – are seeking your CLP’s support. They are members of Welsh Labour Grassroots (WLG), the centre-left activists’ network within the party in Wales. WLG believes that Labour needs to present a clear alternative to the ‘Con-Dem’ cuts, based on equality and social justice, if the party is to win back public support and regain office. We also need to revive party democracy and strengthen our link with the unions. WLG strongly supports Welsh Labour’s emphasis on collaboration, rather than competition, in the provision of public services and its focus on tackling poverty and inequality. If elected, the candidates listed below would promote socialist policies and would work for greater accountability and transparency within the party. They would continue to circulate detailed written reports on every Forum meeting, as well as making themselves available to give verbal reports to any CLP in Wales.



#### **NICK DAVIES**

*Swansea West CLP, membership no. A464611*

Nick has been a Labour party member since 1981 and is active in Swansea West CLP. He was elected to the NPF in 2010 and is a candidate in the May 2012 council elections. Nick is the chair of Welsh Labour Grassroots, the left and centre-left grouping in Welsh Labour and is, with Darren Williams, co-author of the 2009 book, *Clear Red Water: Welsh Devolution and Socialist Politics*. He is a member of Unite the union.



#### **ANNABELLE HARLE**

*Cardiff West CLP, membership no: A002070*

A lifelong socialist and an active campaigner since 1964, Annabelle has been a union member since 1968 (NUS, PCS, Unite) and a party member since 1979. She was a member of the party’s Welsh Executive 1997-2000 and has served again on the WEC and as an NPF member since 2010. She has worked as a civil servant, translator, AM constituency staff, and political campaigner and is a member of Welsh Labour Grassroots and Secretary of Cardiff West CLP.



#### **DONNA HUTTON**

*Aberconwy CLP, membership no: L0014428*

An active socialist, Donna has worked for Labour in every election, national and local, for 30+ years and has been a member for most of that time. She was first elected to the Labour’s Welsh Executive Committee in 2011 and is seeking re-election. Having held many Party posts, one of Donna’s principal aims has been to involve members in policy making and debate. Her work as her CLP’s Political Education Officer led to an award for outstanding participation at Welsh Labour Conference. Donna works for Unison and is a Unite member.



#### **DARREN WILLIAMS**

*Cardiff West CLP, membership no: A024240*

Darren has been a Labour party member for 23 years. He is vice-chair of Canton branch in Cardiff West and a member of the GMC. He has been a constituency delegate to several Welsh and British Labour conferences, a member of the Welsh Executive in 1997/98 and of the National Policy Forum since 2010. He works for the PCS union and is a GMB member. He is secretary of Welsh Labour Grassroots and co-author, with Nick Davies, of *Clear Red Water*.

#### **NPF Welsh CLPs Youth seat – nominate Rhian Greaves**

We would also ask you to nominate Rhian Greaves (Pontypridd CLP) for re-election as the Welsh CLPs’ youth rep on the NPF. Rhian, a full-time student, was first elected in September 2010 and has worked closely with the other Welsh reps.