

Dear Branch Secretary

NEC Elections - Request for Nomination

I am writing to seek your support as a candidate in the National Executive Council elections. **I am standing in the male seat for the East Midlands Region.**

The NEC elections are taking place against the backdrop of the most significant industrial and political challenges for UNISON members, for more than a decade.

That is why I am standing and pledge to work alongside our General Secretary, Christina McAnea, to deliver for our members.

The Cost of Living Crisis has impacted all of our members and they must be the union's top priority, every day.

UNISON has done well to work across all sectors and with members to highlight the reality of life for public service workers. The union has delivered industrial action ballots and has shown the strength we have in UNISON.

However, we must do much more to engage with our members in our ballots. This will increase our collective workplace strength and bring us more victories.

Public services are facing unprecedented funding cuts and this means staff are experiencing:

- Low pay;
- Staffing pressures;
- Attacks on terms and conditions;
- Privatisation

That is why we need a strong NEC that works collectively to deliver for all our members.

UNISON is a member-led union and we must ensure more of our members are able to actively take part in our decision-making and our campaigns.

We need an NEC that recognises the central role of our regions and branches and the pressure we currently face.

We must continue to strengthen our commitment to challenging discrimination and promoting equalities in our workplaces and working with our self-organised structures is key in achieving this.

UNISON is the biggest union but we must not be complacent.

We must work with branches to support recruitment and a growth in the number of people active in our workplaces so we can continue to grow.

We need more initiatives such as the Branch Support and Organising Fund which is overseen by regions to provide additional support to branches.

We know that branches need support for activists to have adequate facility time, and grow UNISON in our workplaces.

These will be my priorities - branch focussed, workplace focussed, striving to deliver for every member.

I want to be part of an NEC that will work across the whole union, with our focus on delivering for members on the issues that matter to them.

Your nomination will greatly help my campaign and I am happy to discuss it more with you.

Kind Regards

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