

UNISON National Executive Council Elections 2023

Delivering for Members

Dear Vicki,

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 East Midlands Reserved seat.

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 I pledge to work alongside our General Secretary, Christina McAnea, to deliver for our members.

The cost-of-living crisis has impacted on all of our members and they must be the union's top priority, every day. As a low paid member, I am all too aware of the devastating impact of the pressures on our members of rising prices and the restraints on pay.

The extreme pressure being imposed on all your members due to the Tory Government's policies, whether that's in the workplaces; at home caring for families; or being able to engage with their wider communities, is imposing extreme stress, both mentally and physically.

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. I know that in recent ballots we haven't always been able to deliver the result we want, though often tantalizingly close, especially with the East Midlands Ambulance Service.

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, branches, and individual members, as well as understanding the primacy of the National Delegate Conference as the rule setter for our union.

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, member focused, branch focused, delivering for every member.

I want to be part of an NEC that will work across the whole union, with our focus on delivering for our 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. I can be contacted at emma.pr@hotmail.co.uk

Could also ask your branch to consider supporting my colleagues, Becky Everett and James Minto?

For information, all nominations will be made through the CES Portal and Branches will receive an email containing a link and passwords in order to do so. If you don't receive the email, please contact elections@unison.co.uk.

Yours in solidarity,

Emma Procter

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