

## VOTE

# **ADRIAN** WEIR

FOR NATIONAL **POLICY FORUM** 

### A NATIONAL POLICY FORUM FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

From Cockfosters to Croydon, Heathrow to Hornchurch let's make London a city that is truly 'For the Many, Not the Few'.

Those elected to the National Policy Forum at our London Conference have a vital role in representing the views of Labour Party members in Labour's most important ideas forum.

Too often in the past Labour Party members have felt distanced from Labour's policy process - if they knew how to feed in their views at all. That needs to change.

My work as a senior official with Unite and my activism in my CLP has given me the necessary skills and experience to do just that; with your support I can, and will, reflect the views of London Labour's diverse membership in the CLPs and among the affiliated trade unions and socialist societies.



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#### **MY EXPERIENCE:**

I've been an active trade union member for over 40 years, have been elected as a shop steward and a delegate to leading committees locally; I was a London regional official with the T&G before becoming a senior official in Unite.

At the same time I've been an active Labour Party member since the mid 1980s; I am currently the TULO officer of my CLP and also a member of the Local Campaign Forum.

My proudest moment was in 2015 when at Hornsey & Wood Green CLP I spoke in favour of Jeremy Corbyn becoming the Leader of our Party

I am also an Executive Committee member of the Institute of Employment Rights, Assistant Secretary of the Campaign for Trade Union Freedom and a Board Member of Tribune magazine.

#### REPRESENTING LONDON MEMBERS AT THE NATIONAL POLICY FORUM

Since our Party has grown to be the largest in Europe and our 2017 manifesto For the Many, Not the Few showed that a radical vision in favour of working people can enthuse and win the support of millions, people were mobilised to support and vote for policies that have challenged what had been the politically accepted consensus.

To win a Labour government we need to continue building on these policies, further developing the commitments to end austerity, to tackle the explosion in zero hours contracts and insecure work; stop age discrimination in the minimum wage and to increase it to £10 an hour, achieve equal pay, build council homes, for public services not privatisation.

I have experience of working with the London Mayor's office. With much attention being focused on a possible General Election we must not lose sight of our regional prize - winning a Labour Mayor and Labour led Assembly in London.

London is so much more than the City. We are suffering the consequences of an imbalanced economy, a severe housing crisis and the devastating impact of the closures of mental health, youth and community services and the rise of racism and the far right. To continue developing the imaginative policy solutions needed, Labour must draw on the knowledge and experience of its members and affiliated trade unions and societies. I will work with members across London for this to happen.

#### THE NATIONAL POLICY FORUM AND THE FUTURE

To deal with these and other issues the National Policy Forum needs to change with the times.

It was great step forward that Annual Conference is now able to refer back specific sections of the NPF reports rather than having to reject the whole report. It is time to look at the operation of the NPF system as a whole to make sure Labour's policy making process is fit for purpose.

I will work for the reform of the National Policy Forum. I stand for Annual and Regional Conferences taking more key policy decisions but I want to retain the deliberative approach that the NPF has brought to the policy making process; complex issues demand a properly thought through response.

I hope you will consider supporting me and nominating me at your CLP meeting

In solidarity HA NOWA ~



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