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Let's Stand Together for a Fairer Society

For Over 25 years I have been a passionate member of the Labour Party and Unite the Union. I first joined The Party to fight against injustice, inequalities and unfairness, which I and millions of working class people experienced under the Thatcher Government.

I was lucky enough to get to University to study Youth and Community Studies and put my qualifications to good use working in Salford, Trafford, Bradford and Lancashire to improve the life opportunities and chances of some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country. I am very active working with some amazing people within Pendle CLP, and with colleagues across the Northwest, to address the inequalities and unfairness that exist in society.

Some of my main achievements have been as follows.

- Youth Officer for Pendle CLP for several years where I successfully helped to increase the Youth Membership. I am passionate about getting young people's voice heard in politics and have visited schools, colleges and youth clubs to encourage debate. I am proud that Labour under Jeremy Corbyn is inspiring young people across the country to engage in democracy and speak about issues that matter to the next generation. Locally I have also been talking to rural communities and finding out the issues that concern them.
- I am currently BAME Officer, for Pendle CLP and I am working to increase the voice, representation and participation of BAME members. In Pendle we now have several hard working councillors from the BAME community. The Leader of Pendle Borough Council and leader of the Labour group in Lancashire County Council are both from the BAME community.
- I have been a Vice Chair of a School Governing Board and a Professional Youth and Community Worker, enabling Children and Young People, especially from struggling families, to achieve their full potential and get the best education to fight their way out of poverty and inequality. I have helped and supported our schools to become 'good or outstanding' as I believe we need to invest more in Education as our young people are our future.

Politics mattered to me in the 80's and it matters now. I want all children, young people and families in the North West to be educated, live and work in a society that caters "FOR THE MANY NOT THE FEW"

I am not affiliated to any group or slate but promise to be the voice of ordinary members.

I am asking for the support of your CLP for the NEC elections as I promise to keep fighting to create and save jobs in the North West and across the country. I will continue fighting to ensure we all get a good deal from Brexit for the many and not just the 'rich and powerful'. I will fight to ensure the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities have a voice (especially our young people) and I promise to fight 'tooth and nail' to be your champion and advocate at NEC as I have been for Pendle and Lancashire.

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