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Dear Member,

I have been an active member of the labour Party for almost 25-years. I have campaigned in every general and council election since joining the party. As an ordinary party member I have spent many hours delivering leaflets, canvassing and talking to voters. I am a delegate to my CLP from my trade union, the GMB, and believe that the link between the party and trade unions is crucial for the future of the labour movement. I firmly believe that to win back power the party must reconnect with the 5 million voters lost since 1997. To achieve this we must develop policies to support investment in economic growth, a fair distribution of wealth through fair taxation and a robust public sector that prevents the marginalisation of vulnerable groups. As a member of the NPF I would campaign for the incorporation of these principles into Labour Party Policy.

I grew up in a solid working class family and, like many working class people, I left school at 16. My father was a coal miner and I was active throughout the 1984/5 coal miners' strike as the wife of a striking miner. I attended university as a mature student and have worked as a university lecturer since gaining my PhD. I am also a member of the UCU.

I believe that my life experience has given me an insight into the problems faced by ordinary working people. The opportunities and state support structures that enabled me to attend university are no longer available. Working people are facing unprecedented attacks on their living standards and opportunities. As a member of the NPF I would work hard to ensure that the party adopts policies that will reverse this trend.

I hope you will consider voting for me when your ballot paper arrives

Yours sincerely,

Denise Thursfield



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For the National Policy Forum

How to support Denise

Vote for Denise

All members have four votes for the National Policy Forum (NPF). You will receive ballot papers in the post from May 25th.

Endorse Denise's campaign

Give Denise a call on or visit

<http://denisethursfield.wordpress.com/contact> to get in touch and add your name to her list of supporters.

About the NPF and why it matters

The National Policy Forum (NPF) is responsible for overseeing the Labour Party's policy development.

The NPF is made up of members who are directly elected by constituency members, trade unions, elected representatives at all levels, socialist societies and national executive committee members.

Every member in Yorkshire and the Humber will be issued a ballot paper and can vote for four people (at least two of these must be women).

The NPF is important because of its policy making function. If, as a Labour Party, we want to see policies that relate directly the lives of ordinary people and families, we have to make sure voices from communities across Yorkshire and the Humber are heard.

Please visit

www.denisethursfield.wordpress.com

Denise is proud to be endorsed by the Grassroots Alliance and urges you to support Richard Burgon, Ann Cryer and George McManus.



"I endorse Denise for the NPF because she has been a tireless campaigner for the party. I am confident she will work hard to promote the interests of ordinary working people. Denise also supports the role of trade unions in formulating Labour Party policy."

Tim Roache,
Regional Secretary GMB

"Denise understands what life is like for working people and families in areas like mine. If she is elected to the National Policy Forum I know she will speak up for people like me"

Michelle Collins,
Hemsworth CLP



"I am supporting Denise Thursfield for the National Policy Forum because to win the next election, we have to reconnect with the voters who have abandoned us since 1997. Denise's real life experience and decades long commitment to the Labour movement make her a perfect person to help Labour find the policies it needs to win the next election" - **Colin Burgon, former MP for Elmet**