

Nominate Gary Heather for Conference Arrangements Committee

Dear Constituency Members,

I would very much appreciate the nomination of your CLP for one of the two CLP places on the Labour Party Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC). Nominations close on the 12 June and CLP secretaries have been sent the relevant nominations form. However, please note that party meetings will probably be suspended in May due to the European elections in June, so nominations should therefore be made ASAP.

I am a longstanding Labour Party member who has always taken a very keen interest in our party's democracy and rulebook. I am currently chairperson of my CLP, and have experience as a party candidate at local and national levels. I am a keen campaigner for Labour. And I am also a CWU NEC member and a committed trade unionist.



If elected to the CAC I would seek to make annual conference much more democratic and inclusive in terms of participation by all delegates. Conference should be a place where all delegates have an opportunity to debate and vote on policies, not an annual stage where only privileged platform speakers get a say while the rest are only expected to cheer them on. Conference is a place where party leaders have the opportunity to be, and should be, accountable to the members that elect them. I would also seek to uphold the rules of the party, and ensure conference is an accessible forum for CLP delegates in terms of access, childcare, speaking and support for first time delegates. I would, of course, always make myself accountable to the members that elect me. Finally, I would appreciate it if you could also consider nominating Gaye Johnston (Hyndburn CLP) for the CAC, as she stands for much the same as myself.

Yours in comradeship,

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