



Regional Committee

TOP-UP ELECTIONS 2025



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Humberside



STATEMENT: Carol CLARKSON

I am Carol Clarkson. I have been a member of the GMB for 45 years and have been a branch secretary for 40 years.

I have been in three regions in my time; Liverpool North West and Irish region, where I was on Regional Council and Regional Committee. Then I moved to Hull and was in Midlands & East coast region, where I was on Regional Council, Regional Committee and CEC. Now we have merged with NEYH, I was on Regional Council, Regional Committee and CEC.

In my years with the union, I have always wanted to represent my brothers and sisters in the workplace. This position would give me the chance to represent my comrades on Regional Council.

This is a very important position and I would not take it lightly.

I have been re-elected for CEC and Regional Council and would very much like to be elected for the Humberside seat for Regional Committee.

Thanks for listening, Carol Clarkson.

Private Section

STATEMENT: Nathan BELL



Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Nathan Bell, and I am running for a position on the Regional Committee. As a rep, I've had the unique experience of working with all three employment statuses: employed, worker, and self-employed. This has given me a first-hand understanding that the issues faced in disciplinary meetings or negotiations can be fundamentally different depending on your status.

I know that a "one-size-fits-all" approach simply doesn't work, and my diverse background provides the unique insight to ensure our Region's activities are truly to include, and benefit every single member, no matter their work situation.

Throughout my career, I've honed my skills in project management. I have a proven track record of taking complex issues, creating clear plans, and delivering results. My experience isn't just about managing tasks; it's about actively listening to stakeholders, seeking your input, feedback, and ideas, identifying priorities, and ensuring every voice is genuinely heard in the process.

If elected, I will use these skills and my unique perspective to:

- **Champion Inclusive Representation:** Ensure the distinct needs of all three employment statuses are accurately represented in every meeting, negotiation, and hearing;
- **Drive Member Engagement:** Foster a culture of active participation by creating more accessible channels for two-way communication. Our union's greatest strength is its members; when we are all engaged and connected, our collective voice is at its most powerful, empowering every member to shape our union's direction.
- **Apply Strategic Leadership:** Bring a results-oriented project management approach to our Region's initiatives, ensuring our resources are used effectively and transparently to achieve our shared goals for all members.

I am committed to building a more resilient, responsive, and effective union for everyone. I ask for your support to bring this dedication and experience to the Regional Committee.

Thank you

Private Section

STATEMENT: Alan FOGGIN



Dear Colleagues,

As concerns surrounding the manufacturing sector continue to grow within our region, I remain steadfast in my commitment to ensuring that the voices of workers are heard, both through direct engagement with MPs and by actively contributing to our ongoing national campaigns. I believe it is essential that the manufacturing sector is effectively represented within our regional committee, ensuring that our issues are addressed and that our sector's challenges are met with strong, decisive action.

The NEYH region is vast and diverse, home to a significant manufacturing membership that plays a pivotal role in the economy of the area. My dedication to this region and the workers within it is unwavering, and I am passionate about providing these members with a robust platform for their concerns. By working in solidarity across the region, we can ensure that the manufacturing and energy sectors receive the attention and representation they deserve at regional level.

In these challenging times, it is crucial that we continue to build solidarity and a united front to advocate for the rights and interests of our manufacturing and energy workers. I am confident we can make lasting progress for our private sector and workforces. I ask for your support in my application and for your continued solidarity in our collective efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards.

Alan Foggin GMB NEYH N43 Manufacturing & Energy Branch Auditor & Equality Officer. NEYH Regional Council Member. GMB Renolit UK Steward & Safety Rep

Public Section



STATEMENT: Hashim EQUIANO

Hi Delegates,

I became GMB rep for Leeds City Council in 1988, and was a co-founding member of my current branch which I am the L27 Local Government Branch Secretary. I have worked alongside members, stewards, convenors, regional and senior organisers, regional presidents, regional secretaries, national presidents and general secretaries in my current employment role and have enjoyed every minute.

I started working in Public Services on 2nd February 1987, starting within Policy and Personnel. From there moving into Social Services Payroll in the past gives me good knowledge of rules and regulations.

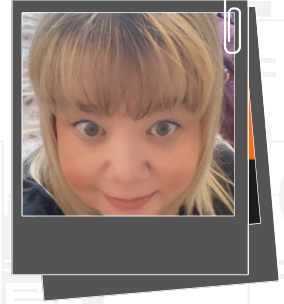
I have actively participated in supporting members at work in attendance, grievances, disciplinaries, counselling, pay negotiation, equal pay, service reviews, restructuring, TUPE being a full-time Convenor.

I am part of the Regional Equality Forum where actively involved, and this year working on Wear Red Day – Show Racism The Red Card in October. This is also something I have been doing with Leeds City Council since 2019. Not only having respect of members but I have worked with HR, Chief Officers, Elected Members, Leaders of the Council, The Chief Executive Officer, The Leeds Lord Mayor, The Deputy West Yorkshire Mayor, Schools, Community Groups and others.

Not only was I the first black union convenor within Leeds City Council but also the first black Branch Secretary. It would be good to win the jackpot and become the first black person on the regional committee.

For decades I have been promoting equality and even presented a motion for Equality Diversity and Inclusion training. Some reps within my branch have done the training and found it very beneficial. Something as a member of the Regional Committee I would encourage and support. I look forward to your support and will make you proud.

Public Section



STATEMENT: Suzanne FOSTER

My name is Suzanne Foster but please call me Suzie.

I am the Branch Secretary for N39 in the Durham and Tees Team, looking after all of the NHS and social care sectors in the region. I have significantly grown the branch over the last 3 years, and we continue to grow from strength to strength.

I was among the first set of Lay leaders to participate in the lay leadership training program which has helped me identify member issues and build campaigns to help members win.

I am an active participant in the Regional Equality Forum, and I've recently joined the working party for the education and learning department and also the regional care committee. I have been active within the GMB for over 15 years now and it's something that I am extremely passionate about.

I became a rep through a personal experience in which I felt like I was on my own until I found the GMB and they came along and helped me for which I will be eternally grateful, so from there on I wanted to be that help for someone else and I've never looked back since.

My background is retail management and administration, but over the last 8 years I have gained a vast amount of experience and knowledge of organising within the NHS and care sector.

I am passionate about workers getting a fair deal and I am proud to be part of the GMB family. I look forward to helping in any way I can in making sure the GMB remains at the forefront of fairness and making work better for our members.

Public Section

STATEMENT: Paul RHODES



Hello Comrades,

My name is Paul Rhodes, and I would like to put myself forward for one of the vacant seats on the Regional Committee for the Public sector.

I have worked in the private sector from leaving school at 16 in 1983, and worked in many roles including shop work, eventually working for one of the major supermarket chains. Since then I moved into engineering working for a gear making company joining my first union, the AEU, seeing how a union supports workers and campaigns for better working conditions and pay.

After moving on, and re-training, I moved into working in security equipment installation, for a medium sized company. This eventually led me to join West Yorkshire police in 1999, as a staff member working in technical roles, often behind the scenes.

I saw that the unions did some great work and opted to join GMB. I had been a member for nearly 15 years, often helping out in a lay member capacity, but was encourage to become a rep in 2014, and have remained one since, becoming the branch secretary in 2019.

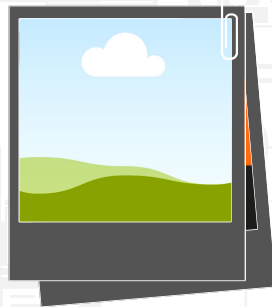
I have helped grow the union membership and continue to try to.

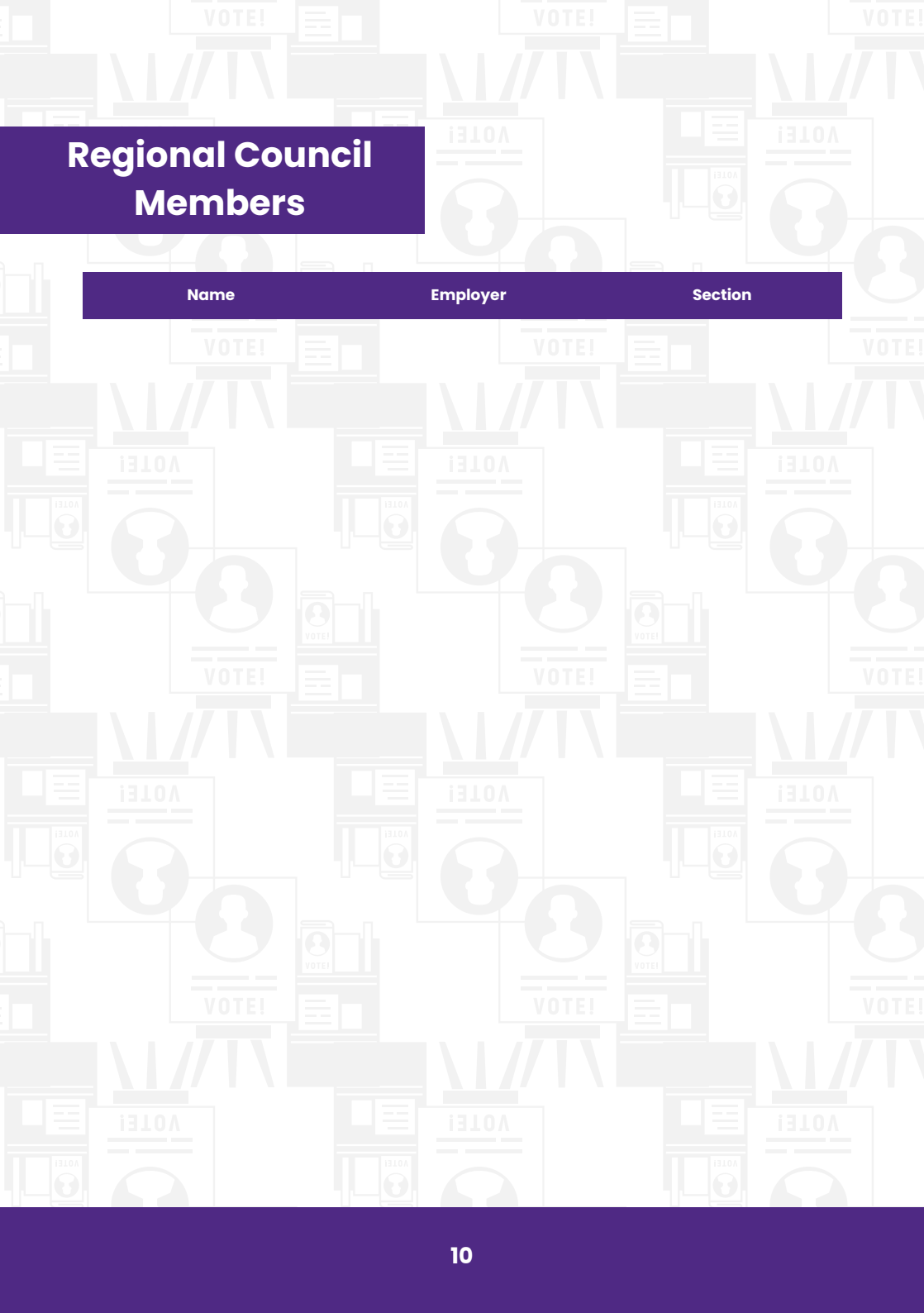
If I am elected to the Regional Committee I will endeavour to bring my knowledge of a public sector employer to the region, and put members points across. I am lucky to have had a foot in the private sector too so have seen the pitfalls, but also successes that unions provide for members.

This is my first and last attempt to put myself forward to committee representing Public sector, but comrades if you vote for me I will do my best for members in all sectors.

Young Member

STATEMENT:



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