

PCS DWP LEFT UNITY

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To All PCS Representatives in DWP and CMEC

RE RUN DWP PRESIDENT/ GEC ELECTION 2010

FOUR STEPS TO WINNING THE ELECTIONS

As a democratic organisation, Left Unity wants as many members as possible to vote in the elections for the DWP GEC. This is particularly important in this re run as many members will think they have already voted and will need to be encouraged to vote again. This leaflet will help you to plan how to encourage as many members as possible to vote for Left Unity candidates.

1. GET YOUR BEC TO AGREE A BRANCH RECOMMENDATION

If you nominated the Left Unity candidates at your AGM remind members and recommend that they vote for the candidates nominated at the AGM. Even if you didn't nominate the Left Unity candidates at your AGM it is ok to get the BEC to agree to issue a Branch recommendation.

Ask the reps in each office in the Branch to help by following these steps.

2. ISSUE BRANCH RECOMMENDATION TO ALL MEMBERS

A model Branch recommendation is enclosed for you to use. If you want an electronic copy email dwpleftunity@blueyonder.co.uk

Try to make time to give out the Branch recommendation by hand as well as by email. That way you can talk to members about the elections and they will have a hard copy to refer to when voting. Members will respect your opinion and may need extra encouragement to vote because this is a re run election.

Timing is crucial – Give it out the day before or the day you expect them to get their ballot paper. Not too early or it might get lost and not too late or they might have already voted.

Ballot papers are issued on Friday 28th May.

3. CHECK MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED A BALLOT PAPER AND REMIND THEM TO VOTE

By about Wednesday 2nd June ask every member if they have received a ballot paper and if they have remembered to vote. Encourage any members who have not voted to use their vote. Help members to get a replacement ballot paper if necessary by telephoning 0113 200 5300.

Remind members to vote again in this re run President/ GEC election for their vote to count.

4. ISSUE A FINAL REMINDER

About Thursday 10th June - Issue a final reminder to all members encouraging them to use their vote. Every vote will be crucial. Reminders will be important in this election.

The election closes on Thursday 17th June at 12 noon. There is no electronic voting so make sure all your members have posted their ballot papers by Tuesday 15th June.