

# **A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PCS REPS FROM JANE AITCHISON DWP GROUP PRESIDENT**

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Dear fellow PCS rep,

I am writing to you in a personal capacity to ask you to use the enclosed leaflets to maximise support in your workplace for Left Unity in the re run DWP GEC elections.

## **ORGANISING TO WIN IN THE RE RUN ELECTION**

Ballot papers will be issued on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and may receive them from Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Most members vote in the first few days so ideally need to receive a Left Unity leaflet or Branch recommendation by Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Members may need extra encouragement from you to vote again in the re run.

## **STICK TOGETHER TO WIN**

At our Group conference last week, there was tremendous unity of purpose and a determination to stand up and fight against the anticipated cuts. Together we passed a large number of important policies, which would improve our members' pay, terms and conditions. It is vital that we now re elect a strong fighting, campaigning Left Unity leadership who will work hard to implement those policies for members united with the Left led NEC and Mark Serwotka. The contact centre talks are at a critical point and pay talks are about to start. We must stay united and strong to make gains in the current climate. We must ensure that we don't let the right wing sneak in the back door and betray our members. Management and the new Government would like nothing better than to see the end of the strong Left Unity leadership and an end to our campaigns.

## **STOP THE RIGHT WING**

Two groups are opposing Left Unity in the elections. The main threat is from the Right Wing group, "4theMembers/Moderates". They could win the GEC elections because the second group of candidates, the so-called "Independent Left", might split the left vote. They are not independent. They are all members or supporters of a small organisation called "Socialist caucus". Although they cannot win, a vote for them could let the right wing in.

The right wing 4themembers group seek to undermine our campaigns and recently stood against Mark Serwotka for General Secretary. In effect every vote for the so-called Independent Left is a vote for the Right Wing. Most DWP and CMEC branches support Left Unity. The vast majority of good hard working reps support Left Unity and work every year to get members to vote for Left Unity. The new threat brought by the formation of the Tory/ Liberal coalition government means this year that work is more important than ever.

## **YOUR GEC**

If we are re-elected I guarantee that we will keep listening, organising members and reps meetings and always being available. With your support we can win the elections and continue to make the gains we need in DWP. If you want to contact me about these elections, Left Unity or any DWP matter you can do so at anytime. Email me at home on [janeaitchisonpcs@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:janeaitchisonpcs@blueyonder.co.uk)

Yours in solidarity  
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