



A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ALL PCS DWP REPS FROM FRAN HEATHCOTE YOUR CANDIDATE FOR 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 DWP GEC and NEC elections.

ORGANISING TO WIN

Ballot papers or voting emails (for those with a personal email registered with PCS) will be issued from **Thursday 26th April**. Most members vote in the first few days so ideally they need to receive a Left Unity leaflet or Branch recommendation by **Wednesday 25th April**.

You can use our handy postcards that are being mailed to branches.

FOR A FIGHTING LEADERSHIP SUPPORT LEFT UNITY

I am proud of the record of the Left Unity-led GEC in defending members against the attacks from both DWP and the government.

Whether it's campaigning for more staff, fighting to keep offices open, negotiating to prevent compulsory redundancies or for better Attendance Management policies or battling for decent pay and a reasonable approach to extending operating hours, we have always worked closely with branches and regions, to place demands on the employer but also to be capable of negotiating real improvements.

Consultation with members and reps is a big priority for us. Listening to the views of representatives across the union has always been, and will remain, critical to the success of all of our campaigns.

These are challenging times and we have a tory government intent on destroying the welfare state. Our campaign for more staff and for offices, jobs and services, is likely to really accelerate as Universal Credit continues to roll out and privatisation continues to be high on the government's list of priorities.

We need a strong, determined leadership. A leadership that is willing to negotiate but one also willing to fight when necessary. A leadership with the skill and negotiating experience to defend both our members in the DWP and the public we serve.

YOUR GEC

If we are re-elected I guarantee that we will keep listening and acting on your concerns.

We will continue to work closely with the national union under the leadership of Janice Godrich and Mark Serwotka, to put the full strength of DWP behind every campaign.

With your support we can win these elections. If you want to contact me about these elections, Left Unity or any PCS matter you can do so at any time.

Please feel free to email me at home on franpcs@gmail.com

Yours in solidarity

Fran Heathcote