

NWTUC Treasurer Election Statement: Claire Jones, PCS

I am proud to have been nominated to be Treasurer on TUC NW Executive this year.

I have been a member of the Executive Committee for the last 2 years and I believe I have made a positive contribution to the important work the Executive undertakes as the voice of trade unions in the North West region. I have focused particularly on campaigns around our public sector including work on universal credit, pensions, pay and action on climate change. I have also played a key role in assisting Executive officers to build our equality structures, focusing on inclusivity and intersectionality including work to make our AGM more inclusive for young workers.

As a female Regional Secretary in the region I feel I offer a unique perspective and that it is incumbent upon me to make space and work to encourage increased representation and participation for women at all levels of our structures. Women continue to be the most under represented group in our union structures and I am committed to working across our movement to urgently address this.

I am a proud trade unionist and socialist and I am passionate that our regional voice should reflect, educate and organise our members and our communities together around these values.

The crisis we currently face has exposed like never before that the most underpaid and overworked in our country are those we rely on to save our lives, keep us safe, provide for and care for us. It is therefore an opportunity to push forward on our collective aims as representatives of workers and build our movement to address the imbalances in our society. As the collective trade union voice in the region we must now work together to ensure we leave a legacy which redresses the balance of power in favour of workers, harnessing public support and exposing the failings of government and the capitalist system.

If elected as Treasurer I will be committed to using my role to articulate a collective, regional union voice and to building a strong and unified trade union movement which is able to be proactive in supporting workers' struggles and advancing the cause of labour and our working class communities.