

South West TUC Annual Conference 2025

Chair and Vice-chair nominations

Nominations can also be taken from the floor on the day

Election for Chair



Hannah David, PCS

It has been an active year for us in the SW TUC, I have enjoyed being a part of it. We have had many in person meetings and events across the region, including a H&S Connect event in Swindon that I was delighted to chair and participate in and the Women's Committee Reps Connect event coming up. I am keen to encourage and facilitate learning events such as this as much as possible.

I have supported the work of our networks and equality groups, and I will continue to do all I can to encourage and facilitate the growing voice and strength of underrepresented groups in the movements.

Thank you for all the invites to speak at or attend union and Trades Council gatherings. Supporting the important work of Trades Councils is vital and I have been excited to see the growth in membership and activity with many brilliant members, both experienced and new, driving activity.

I have enjoyed representing us at other events including in Parliament and the Business West network. We now have a different political landscape, and it is a crucial time for us to push for MPs to live up to their promises to represent us. In the year ahead as we reach out to and build links, I am confident in my ability to represent our unions and joint interests and help drive our agenda.

We work best when we are united in our fight for better pay, pensions, terms & conditions, and job security. We must continue to lead the fight against racism,

inequality and poverty on all fronts - our workplaces, in the streets, amongst our communities and internationally.

Thank you for the opportunity to Chair for the region. I hope you will give your support for me to continue working in the role.

Election for Vice Chair



Gareth Lowe, Unite

Please consider me for Vice-Chair of this year's SW TUC. I remain a passionate believer in the role of the TUC in coordinating trades unions' joint activities. An effective regional TUC ensures trade unions' campaigns are joined up, and disputes are highlighted and supported across the movement.

I have extensive experience of chairing meetings and committees across the trade union and social progress movement. I consider myself to be an experienced, fair, and procedural chair. I am familiar with Citrine's approach to chairing and understand how to handle amendments to motions and other constitutional processes.

I have previously held this role and demonstrated my capability of stepping in and chairing SW TUC meetings when needed. I constructively contribute to Executive meetings and Regional Council meetings when not in the chair.

As a Regional Officer, I represent workers, bring people together, and campaign for jobs, pay, and conditions. I'd also draw attention to my democratically elected status as Chair of Unite South West's Staff and Officer's branch. Given I am elected by my members to office, I do not believe my role as a full time Trade Unionist should count against me, unless we are discriminating against certain occupations.

The SW TUC is a broad church. Effective chairing, ensuring all parties are heard, and none dominate, is an essential component of us working collaboratively together. I

also commit to ensure meetings I chair finish on time, arguably the single most important role of the chair!