

## **TRADE UNION OFFICER – CLLR CHRISSIE RUMSBY AND GLENN SPRINGETT (Job Share)**

My name is **Chrissie Rumsby** and I have been TULO for the past year and in that year have supported various Trade Union Strikes and Disputes. If voted back I would like to progress to making the party more active with various trade unions and encourage more to join a union. I would also like share my role with Glenn as he is an experienced UNITE organiser, with a wealth of knowledge and experience behind him. With Glenn I would like to form a team of people involved in their various unions so that Norwich CLP will be at the forefront of any dispute.

I have been a Trade Union Member for many years. This began in the 1980's when I started in the NHS, when I was a member of the Transport and General Workers (T&G). I joined Unison as a student nurse in 2004 and once qualified I continued my membership. Working in the NHS I have seen how services are being decimated and strongly believe that together in a union we can continue to fight this government.

Over past year I helped to lead the campaign from Labour Group to support the FBU from the potential takeover by the Police Crime Commissioner. I have also shared various events and the disputes on the party members FB page so member could support their campaigns such as Britvic and the RMT strike.

If elected as Trade Union Coordinator I will work closely with our candidates Clive Lewis and Karen Davis to secure a victory in both Norwich seats for Labour. As well as working closely with the Trades Council. I also intend to develop a team of Trade Unionists that can help Norwich CLP become a fighting force for the coming year. I would like to work with the Youth Coordinator to engage with younger people, encouraging them to take up union membership, finding out what stops some youth from joining. I aim to have more action days and to get some unions to give us talks on various issues in the workplace that the Labour Party could help with. Creating more of a profile may help to encourage more union members to join the Labour Party and in turn more members of the Labour Party take up union membership. I hope you will support me.

**Glenn Springett:** Apologies for not being present, I'm currently at Durham for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miner's Gala, the showpiece of the Trade Union Movement.

I first became part of the union movement in the 90s, working at Fords in Dagenham. Since then I have held both Lay and Full-Time officer roles for UNISON; from workplace Shop Steward to leading a delegation to National Conference; to being a full time organiser.

I served as President of the Norwich and District Trades Union Council, lectured in Trades Union Studies at City College, and presently undertake part time roles as an Accredited Support Companion (representing members in formal hearings) as well as delivering the Unite in Schools program - an important role in sharing the TU message and values with our next generation.

I am Vice-Chair of Unite's Area Activist Committee.... And as a qualified social worker I have a 'day job' as a Children's Advocate.

I've formerly been a member for the Eastern Labour regional board and Vice-Chair and TULO of Broadland CLP.

I am fully committed to working alongside Chrissie to ensure that the trades union movement continues to fight for our Labour Party in Norwich.

In solidarity,

Glenn