

POLICY OFFICER – JESS CARRINGTON

I am proud that we as a party have a radical, transformative and clear set of policies designed to truly deliver a Britain for the Many Not The Few. We can all remember that lightening strength of those policies, properly articulated within the dynamic environment of the 2017 snap General Election. People could see a difference and a vision of the future which they shared and wanted to support. We must do the same again.

That will only happen if the ideas, priorities and ambitions of our mass membership party, through the lived experience of the workplace, home and community are properly articulated into our National Policy Forum policy making process, leading to new offers for our 2022 manifesto (or whenever the General Election is held).

I believe that to get Labour elected, we need strong socialist policies to repair the damage caused by austerity. Policies on issues that matter to people, including the NHS, social care and climate change to name but a few. Labour is a member led organization with an excellent people powered policy making process, the National Policy Forum. But we must use it better. If I were elected as Policy Officer, I would work to increase your input into this, by facilitating regular respectful policy discussions, and by ensuring that members know how to submit motions. I would work closely with fellow EC officers to ensure that everyone's voice is heard, and to facilitate educational sessions on policy consultations/procedures.

Inspired by Jeremy Corbyn, I joined the Labour Party in 2017, after canvassing for our excellent local Labour MP Clive Lewis and great councillor and PPC Karen Davis. Throughout the year I door knock, deliver leaflets and support local campaigns. I am also a trade union activist and have helped run a refugee support group. I hope you will support me in this important role, so that we unlock the ideas of our members and help produce yet another positive and radical manifesto.