

Dear Gary,

CWU NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2010-11

I am writing to request that your Branch nominate me for the position of **Vice Chair** of the **Engineering Executive** for the coming year.

I have a record of standing up for members' interests on jobs, pay, terms and conditions, and this year we will need strong leadership. Despite the temporary easing of the current economic downturn employers are still pushing ahead with demands for increased productivity and performance. Performance management issues will continue to be centre stage as will the continuing threats of sell offs and job cuts.

My priority as an Executive member has always been to defend the job security of members and improve the quality of their lives. Last year the fraught negotiations on attendance patterns in BT openreach showed how shallow BT's commitment to family friendly policies really was. We will have to ensure that the implementation of the new patterns are done in a way that preserves as much of a 'work/life balance' as possible.

I believe that the Telecoms Executive needs a positive alternative agenda to the employers' short term and cavalier approach to our members' future. We need to defend our members through strong trade union organisation across the whole industry.

As the current Vice Chair of the Engineering Constituency I am also a member of the National Executive Council. I am one of the NEC's three representatives on the TUC General Council. At a national level I have promoted the Union's agenda on telecoms regulation and argued for other key CWU policies.

I will again be standing for election on a Broad Left platform alongside other candidates for the Executive. I support the principles of equality and justice for all workers. I ask for your support.

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