

I am writing to your Branch to seek nomination in the National Labour Link Committee 2015 Elections for the Northern region seat.

I am Branch Secretary of Newcastle Hospitals Branch of UNISON, a Registered Nurse and for the past four years I have been an elected member on Newcastle City Council. I have been a Deputy Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulation and then Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care. I Chair the Regional Health Committee and play an active part in the Regional Women's Network. This is experience that will be invaluable in the role of Regional Delegate to National Labour Link Committee.

As many of you know I have been Vice Chair of our Regional Labour Link Committee with Merv Butler as Chair. Merv Butler has been a fantastic delegate to National Labour Link for the Northern Region and his support has been and will remain invaluable.

The General Election is over now and we are faced with five years of a majority Tory Government, with continuing attacks against the Public Sector, particularly in the North East with the growing North-South divide and falling living standards for working people.

The next five years are going to be extremely challenging for our members and the Link we have within the Labour Party is crucial. The Northern Region has played an active role in getting UNISON policies into the Labour Party and I will be proud to carry this forward.

I will ensure our voices are heard within the Labour Party Leadership debates and beyond.

I hope you will be able to support my nomination. If your branch would like me to attend a branch committee please contact me at linda.hobson3@btinternet.com or call 07508022861.