

Spring 2023

LABOUR LINK NEWSLETTER



Happy new year to our members in UNISON Labour Link East Midlands.

The start to our new year has been busy and we're certainly keeping ourselves occupied. We're going to let you know all about our various bits of training, campaigning, parliamentary endorsements, donations and what's coming up in the near future.

One particular thing to share was the interest we had in the UNISON stall at Regional Party Conference, where we were sharing updates on how our health members deserve better pay and conditions from government. The principal thing we're encouraging our members to consider at the moment is to attend our Labour Link Forum (happening Saturday 4th March) and to put themselves forward for the local elections. Happy reading!

Robert Parkinson, Chair East Midlands Labour Link

CONGRATULATIONS JESS!

One of our UNISON Labour Link members Jess McGuire has been elected to the Labour Party's National Policy Forum as one of our East Midlands reps.

Labour's National Policy Forum is the way the party develops policy and ideas, making it as open and democratic as possible.

Jess wants to connect and engage with members across the region and hear your views on how Labour can better represent the values and needs of working people.

We're really happy for Jess and look forward to seeing how she contributes to a future Labour government.



HAVING A LAUGH!

In January UNISON Labour Link sent a delegation to Loughborough CLP's fundraising comedy night.

We had a great time and donated towards their war chest which will help get Labour councillors elected in May and go towards returning a Labour MP for the constituency once again.

If you'd like to hear more about how you can help Jeevun Sandher's parliamentary campaign in Loughborough or help out with the local elections please get in touch.



LOCAL ELECTIONS

We're incredibly proud of our UNISON members who represent the Labour Party in town halls across our region.

UNISON Labour Link is potentially able to offer financial and campaigning support where our candidates are standing, in particular in target seats.

If you are standing in May, and would like to find out what type of support UNISON Labour Link possible could offer you please email Robert Parkinson (robert.parkinson@leicester.gov.uk) or Rachel Hodson (r.hodson@unison.co.uk) by Friday 10th March at the latest.

PARLIAMENTARY ENDORSEMENTS

Several UNISON endorsed parliamentary candidates have been selected in target seats across the East Midlands.



Natalie Fleet—Bolsover

Lucy Rigby—Northampton North

Jon Pearce—High Peak

Labour's selection process for parliamentary candidates is happening in other seats in the region and we are constantly talking to prospective candidates about how they could secure UNISON's support.

If you are interested in standing for parliament, please let us know!

LABOUR LINK REGIONAL FORUM 2023

On Saturday 4th March we will be holding our annual Labour Link Forum at UNISON East Midlands Regional Centre, Vivian Avenue, Nottingham, NG5 1AF.

Information about this has been circulated around to Branch Labour Link Officers and Branch Secretaries.

We'll be joined by Lilian Greenwood MP and Alex Norris MP, Lee Baron TUC Regional Secretary, Catherine Atkinson Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Derby North, Adam Thompson Parliamentary Candidate for Erewash and many more speakers too including from the Labour Party's National Policy Forum.

If you have not received information about attending Labour Link Forum or you need assistance with the paperwork, please email the regional Labour Link Chair Robert Parkinson: robert.parkinson@leicester.gov.uk

