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Hello Fellow South East Labour Party Members,

I am writing to ask for your CLP to please nominate me as one of your South East representatives for the National Policy Forum.

Some of you will know me from my NHS campaigning; speaking at rallies and walking the 300 mile Jarrow to Westminster march to 'save the NHS from privatisation' in 2014. Others may have met me on Labour doorstep campaign days. If you don't know me then this is a brief resume of my life.....

Left home and school at 16, came South from Scotland to find well paid, interesting work. Worked in nursing, social work, probation, a homeless charity, community regeneration and then health commissioning. I was also a single parent and struggled with deep debt throughout my son's upbringing despite me never being out of work. My debt was down to the high interest rates caused by the Tory recession in the 90s: In other words the Tories made ordinary folk pay for their mistakes and greed, just like they are doing today with austerity. Through my own experience and also second hand from the people that I have worked for, there is little I don't know about badly written or heartless policy, that is why I believe I can offer so much on the NPF.

Key areas where I have actually managed to improve policy are my work on business rates for small businesses and my championing of the need for access to education and training for people of all ages. (I have sat on the Economy, Industry and Trade Commission for 3 years.) Since being elected in 2015 I have run policy forums in a number of CLPs and have tried to keep members informed of my work through either email or Facebook. If you have submitted a policy proposal it is likely that you recognise my name from my answer to your submission on our website <https://www.policyforum.labour.org.uk/about/npf>

I am a member of UNISON, UNITE and the Artists Union of England. Please nominate me for the NPF, I hope you think that I am good value!
Very best regards

Fiona Dent

