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Dear Secretary

## Conference Arrangements Committee (Constituency Section) – Election 2013

I have been privileged to have been nominated for the above position by my CLP, Oxford East, and am writing to your constituency to seek a supporting nomination. The closing date for nominations is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The election is by all the CLP delegates at Annual Conference in Brighton at the end of September.

I served as the constituency rep. on the Conference Arrangements Committee (CAC) from 1981 to 1994 and for over 25 years I have been sending to every CLP my annually updated 12 page Guide to Annual Conference. Since 1994 I have also served on the NEC, National Constitutional Committee and National Policy Forum. I am very proud to be the only party member ever to have been elected to all four of our Party's national committees. I would welcome the opportunity to use this experience to benefit and assist CLPs and their Conference delegates, especially the many new delegates.

Our Rule Book states that Annual Conference is the Party's sovereign body. The Conference is an important showpiece for the Party, but it must also be the main forum for debate and decisions. At last year's Conference as little as 18% of Conference time was allocated to the proposing of resolutions and debating them. CLP delegates complain that they are often reduced to little more than spectators at their own Conference. The CAC also needs to be more flexible in its approach to contemporary motions and rule change proposals.

An effective and engaged conference, with CLP and union delegates coming together to give direction to the Party and its Parliamentary leadership, would help to invigorate the party at all levels. Ed Miliband is committed to rebuilding an active and involved party. An enhanced role at Conference for CLPs and their delegates would be an important step in this direction. This is my motivation for standing.

I am always available to give help and advice to CLPs and party members – I am only a phone call away. I am also very happy to visit CLPs - I have spoken at meetings in every region.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Yours in comradeship

*Peter Willsman*

Membership No A071448 (Oxford East CLP)

### My Labour and Co-op Movement experience:

#### At national level

NEC: 1998-1999 and July 2005 - 2010  
Conference Arrangements Cttee 1981-1994  
National Constitutional Cttee 1995-1998  
National Policy Forum 1998-1999 and 2002 - 2010  
National Research Officer NUPE/UNISON 1979-1994

#### At regional and local level

London Region Board 2002-2005  
GC of CLP 1975-2013  
Ward Secretary 1994-2010  
ILEA Councillor 1986-1990  
Branch Secretary APEX/GMB 1980-1998  
Co-op Group (CWS) Area Cttee/Party Council 1988-2010

Having served on our Party's national committees since 1981, I would like to thank members and CLPs for their support over the years.

# Katy Clark MP

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May 2013

Dear Secretary

I am writing to ask for your support to stand for the Conference Arrangements Committee and to ask that your Constituency provide me with a supporting nomination. The closing date for nominations is Friday 21 June and the election is by all CLP delegates at the Annual Conference in Brighton.

I am standing because members need a far stronger voice in our Party. Too many CLPs no longer attend Conference because they don't see the point. Yes Conference should be a showcase for our Party and a chance to sell ourselves. But it has to be more than a PR event. There must be more opportunity for debate and members must feel that they can influence policy. CLPs, unions and the affiliated societies should be far more involved in our decision making and Conference must be a place where that happens. One of my aims would be to try and ensure that more ordinary members get to contribute in the main debates.

I was elected as the Labour MP for North Ayrshire and Arran in 2005 and am a member of the Scottish Constituency of Cunningham North CLP. We need to make sure that all parts of the country are represented in our democratic structures.

Before becoming an MP I worked for UNISON so have an understanding of union issues. I am still a member of UNISON as well as the GMB and CWU. I am also a member of the Cooperative Party.

I very much hope your CLP is attending Conference but hope you will consider nominating me whether you decide to attend or not.

With very best wishes,

*Katy Clark*

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Membership No A006966



Dear Member,

April 2013

**National Constitutional Committee (NCC) elections 2013**

I would very much appreciate nomination by your CLP for election to the National Constitutional Committee (NCC). The deadline for nominations to the Labour Party is 21 June, and the election will take place in September at Party annual conference.

My own CLP has already nominated me for the NCC. A Party member for 24 years, I was chair of my CLP for six years. I have experience as a council and parliamentary candidate. As a trade unionist, I served on the CWU NEC and I am President of Islington TUC. I am also a Fabian and a Co-operative Party member.

I have always taken a strong interest in the rules of the Party, and believe that people receiving justice in society – including in the Labour Party – is a fundamental human right. I have vast experience of dealing with disciplinary matters in my union where I served on the National Discipline Committee and also in assisting members at Employment Tribunals.

I believe in fairness for all, and that includes in the Labour Party. This means that the Party rules must be applied fairly to all, while always looking to resolve disputes and conflict so as to maximise unity and effectiveness within the Party.

Labour has to advocate an alternative to Coalition Government austerity and cuts. I want to end child poverty, improve health and education, end tax avoidance, promote peace and international development, return utilities and the railways to public ownership, build more affordable council and social housing, create employment and improve workers' rights, and invest in sustainable energy and green jobs.

Thanks for reading this letter and please give serious consideration to nominating me for the NCC.

Yours in comradeship,

**Gary Heather**