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I am standing for Women's Conference Arrangements Committee as part of the grassroots slate, for a fair and democratic conference focused on what matters to women members and affiliates.

Women's CAC must make sure that the voices of grassroots activists are heard, that we can speak up and share our experience and thinking, discuss these with the amazing women in our Shadow Cabinet, and develop policy and activity to take back to our women's forums, trade unions and CLPs.

I am Women's Officer in my CLP, and Secretary of my branch. I set up the Women's Forum in my CLP. We meet regularly, with members attending from each of the 7 branches, and have a Facebook page, newsletter and a lending library of books and music. Our branch meets each month – including August – and starts each meeting with a political discussion; we have a monthly film club and a Facebook page. We go round in person to visit new members and we campaigned very successfully in several Tory-held marginals during the election.

I also convene a national e-network for Women's Officers. We share ideas and materials and help solve each other's problems. I am on the Steering Group of Labour Women Leading, a group of women activists who support Jeremy Corbyn and the leadership and held a conference in April for women seeking to become MPs and councillors. We also have an event during Women's Conference 2017. I have been a member of Momentum since it began in 2015 and am also a member of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy.

As Education Group President of my union, PCS, I led campaigns against cuts, discrimination, site closures and redundancies and was a powerful advocate for my members in national negotiations and individual casework and at the employment tribunal.

These skills and experiences from my union work and from building a branch and a CLP will be helpful in the role of member of the women's CAC.