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Policy Development Committee???

PDC act like the Party's policy gardeners, looking after our various policy beds. Cutting back the dead plants, checking that the plants we have are healthy, making sure that we don't have two plants that don't get along together and creating an environment where plants can grow strong and stand up in stormy weather.

We act as shepherds to our Policy Working Groups so that they can fulfil the vital role in providing expert advice to the Party and generate dynamic, progressive new policy.

We accredit motions ahead of Conference, organise an annual PolicyFest and have 'superpowers' (they're not all that 'super' really)

The work of PDC also encompasses trawling through our policy statements to ensure that these remain relevant; then taking the outcome to Conference for you to consider what to do next with old policy statements. (this bit can be a bit dull)

PDC does not, and should not, create policy or influence our policy direction. This is rightly the role of members. PDC trust members to propose policy and then ultimately vote to endorse good policy at Conference. PDC should operate to provide advice and guidance to this process of policy creation.

Support to Policy Working Groups

I followed closely the work of the Drugs PWG, seeing how this collaboration provides a template to arrive at a dynamic new policy, with really effective on-going movement forward and communication. However, a problem many of our PWGs face is having sufficient numbers who feel confident to write new policy. I propose to develop a new template for how new policy could be presented, with specific guidance being provided to help formulate each section, giving more PWG members a role and confidence to create policy.

My Party history

I first joined the Party in 1988. My first time on PDC followed swiftly after that (.....in 2017). I have now completed my apprenticeship and am ready to step up. I will be requesting to be co-opted into the vacant Co-Ordinator role until Autumn Conference.

Experience and skills

- 30 years as a social worker in mental health, substance misuse and child protection
- including 10 years in management roles
- and 3 as NHS Unison Steward,
- skills and experience in supporting people and coordinating a service
- confidence to maintain PDC's neutrality and impartiality.

Role on GPEx

A significant challenge is to take a place on GPEx. As local party members, we need GPEx (alongside GPRC and local party structures) to create the context that we can operate within, bridging national with local. If our core fails then your efforts in winning elections and creating change becomes much harder to sustain.

Personal characteristics and objectives

A very calm and confident person, resilient and experienced in managing disagreement and supporting people through change, ensuring values and ethics as the foundation of what we do.

From the outset I guarantee that we shall consult openly and provide standards such as: set response times from contact with us [statement cut here as over the 500 word limit].