



Chioma Mgbeokwere

Region

North West

Co-operative Party Experience

As a Co-operative councillor in Salford and Women's Officer in my CLP, I have worked to ensure that our Party reflects fairness, inclusion, and solidarity. I have served as vice chair of my ward and as a member of the Local Government Committee, giving members a stronger voice. I have written and presented motions on child poverty and gender inequality and spoken at the Women's Conference to raise awareness and drive change. I am committed to ensuring that the Co-operative Party has structures that allow all members to be genuinely heard, especially BAME, disabled, LGBT, women, and pensioners.

Co-operative Movement Experience

I have been actively involved in the co-operative movement for many years through work with co-ops, social enterprises, and as a long-standing member of a credit union. As a trade unionist with Unite, Unison, and as former secretary of Community Union, I have represented members and defended fairness in the workplace. I also serve on the Disability Network Steering Committee where I work to ensure that disabled members' voices are genuinely heard. I have campaigned on housing, disability inclusion, women's empowerment, and tackling poverty, guided by co-operative values of fairness and solidarity, and I support stronger equalities structures for BAME, disabled, LGBT, women, and pensioners.

Governance Experience

I bring strong governance experience from my roles as councillor, Governor, trustee, and trade union representative. I have worked on local government committees where accountability and scrutiny are essential, and I have overseen safeguarding, compliance, and planning as a Governor. As a trustee, I have contributed to finance, policy development, and community projects. My work in unions has deepened my skills in representation and negotiation. I also serve on the Disability Network Steering Committee, which has strengthened my understanding of equality in practice. Across all roles, I have ensured that governance protects trust, delivers fairness, and upholds co-operative values.

Election Statement

I am seeking election to the NEC because I believe in a Co-operative Party that delivers fairness, equality, and opportunity for all. For many years I have served as a Co-operative councillor, trade union representative, Women's Officer in my CLP, vice chair of my ward, and member of the Local Government Committee. These roles have given me the experience and commitment to represent members with integrity and strength.

As Women's Officer, I have written motions on child poverty and gender inequality and spoken at the Women's Conference to ensure that women's voices are not ignored. I have also campaigned for pensioners who deserve dignity and fairness in later life and raised concerns about the impact of cuts to disability allowance. I believe strongly in the creation of equalities structures that ensure BAME, disabled, LGBT, and women members are not just represented but genuinely heard.



My record includes campaigning on housing, tackling poverty, supporting families, and promoting inclusion and mental health awareness. As a councillor, Governor, and trustee, I bring governance experience and a commitment to transparency, accountability, and fairness.

If elected, I will fight for stronger representation of members in the North, push for transparent decision making, and ensure that equality is built into everything we do. I will bring the perspective of a woman in office, the dedication of a grassroots activist, and the vision of someone determined to make the Co-operative Party a movement where every voice matters.

Yours in co-operation,

Chioma Mgbeokwere.