



George Howarth

Region

North West

Co-operative Party Experience

I was a founder member of the Co-operative Party in Knowsley some 40 years ago and have been a continuous member since then.

For many years I have been a Co-op Party delegate to Knowsley Constituency Labour Party General Management Committee.

Co-operative Movement Experience

I worked with the housing co-operative movement on Merseyside for several years, helping to establish housing co-operatives in Liverpool and Knowsley.

Subsequently, I was Chief Executive of the Wales Co-op Centre (established by the Wales TUC), setting up worker-owned enterprises across Wales.

I was winner of the ProShare Award Champion of the Year Employee Share Plans 2023.

Governance Experience

Member of Labour Party National Executive Committee 2016-2024.

Labour MP for Knowsley for 37 years, during which time I served as a government minister in the Home Office and Northern Ireland Office and sat on several committees, including the Intelligence and Security Committee (which oversees the security agencies) and the Public Accounts Committee. I was a member of the Speaker's Panel of Chairs, and acted as Temporary Deputy Speaker.

I have been a trustee on charitable boards, including as Chair of Knowsley Skills Academy and am currently a trustee of Shakespeare North Capital Campaign

Election Statement

It would be a great honour to serve on the Co-operative Party's NEC. I would endeavour to use my experience in the co-operative movement and Labour politics to further the cause of co-operation.

With a Labour government committed to the principle of co-operation, the opportunity exists to re-invigorate the traditional co-operative institutions and develop new models of community control. I believe my experience equips me to pursue these goals with commitment and enthusiasm and would be grateful for your support.