



## **John Wiseman**

### **Region**

North West

### **Co-operative Party Experience**

NEC Cooperative Party OMOV (Whole Membership) 2009-2011

Greater Manchester Party Secretary 2010-2012

Warrington Branch Vice-Chair 2009-2013

St Helens Party Branch Chair 2012-2019

North West North Party Delegate and Political Education Officer

Labour and Cooperative Councillor 2016-2021

North West Region Party Delegate

Bold Parish Councillor 2013-2019

### **Co-operative Movement Experience**

Member of the Co-operative Group

Stood for District Committee and attended Governance courses

### **Governance Experience**

Director Amicus Union Trustee Committee 2006-2009

Ellen Greenoe Pensioner Charity Trustee 2013 (Still in Post)

North West Miners Heritage Association Trustee (Until 2025)

Vice-Chair Governors Sutton High School 2004-2009

Vice-Chair Governors Sherdley Primary School 2004-2009

Governor St Annes Catholic Primary School 2004-2008

Governor Calderstones School 2016-2019

### **Election Statement**

As a democratic socialist, trade unionist and co-operator, we need change within the Co-operative party and movement. We need to be more democratic, reporting back within our structures and making ourselves more accountable to the communities, societies and people that elect us. Conference must be a sovereign body within the party, which must be listened and adhered to more often. It has been the case that many decisions on policy and structure have not been implemented. Policy setting must start with the grassroots members.

As a trade unionist all of my life, I have seen the importance of working with our comrades on collective decision making, shared campaigns and the development of the cooperative and ethical business model. We must not shy away from the work of the Rochdale Pioneers and the importance of collectivism in decision making and implementation.

The NEC must listen to the demands of members and activists. We must champion the work of our parish, metropolitan, town and county councillors, as they are our frontline. Training of our members must be a priority and the importance of Equality and Diversity must be at the top of the agenda. Teaching about our shared Labour Movement history, to our young people, is a way to build on the story of the co-operative movement. We must never forget 'United we stand, divided we fall.' Let us give hope a chance, and get more councillors at all levels and MPS to power, be 'wise' and nominate John Wiseman for the Cooperative Party NEC election.