



Kate Walsh

Region

North West

Co-operative Party Experience

I've been a Co-op member for the last five years joining soon after I became a Labour Councillor. I am now an elected Labour and Co-operative Councillor on Hyndburn Borough Council. I've regular attended Co-op meetings, supported events, organised Campaign days locally, and attended Co-op conferences and panel events.

Co-operative Movement Experience

I regularly take part in the Co-operative moment campaigns. Sharing and talking about them on my social media and championing the policy changes at a council level. I was also lucky enough to attend Welsh Labour Conference and attended the Co-operative Panel event on housing. I was then able to communicate the work in Wales to my colleagues locally and nationally.

Governance Experience

As a Councillor I have a vast experience of Governance, both self governance and that of the council level governance. I'm currently working at the Society of Labour Lawyers and have been involved in policy making at a national level.

Election Statement

As a member of The NEC I would bring a blend of experience of local and national politics and a passion for the politics that the Co-operative party represents. I've got a long background in the community which led me to standing as a Councillor in 2019. Shortly after becoming a Councillor I was introduced to the Co-operative movement, and for me, it's always felt like a political home - completely in tune with my own political ideology.

I enjoy seeing how the co-operative movements policies uplift communities, and promote social justice. I was particularly thrilled to see the recent campaign on removal of tax from sunscreen - I ran a local baby bank and every summer we gave out 100s of bottles of sunscreen to families that simply couldn't afford them. It's policy changes that make a real difference to people's lives.

As a member of the NEC, I would advocate for policies that promote cooperative development, support sustainable initiatives. I would love to support member engagement, ensuring that we adapt to the changing political landscape while staying true to our core values - members should have a say in how we do that.

I'd love to represent you on the NEC drawing on my own experiences as that of the local community I see and speak to everyday to champion positive change and push forward policies that just make sense for us all.