

My Promise

If you select me I will:

- Work hard to protect jobs and make sure that people who lose work are not left behind to become statistics. We must not repeat the mistakes of the Tory past and throw a generation on the scrapheap.
- Make education and lifelong learning my number one priority. Every child must have the chance to fulfil their potential and every adult must get the chance to retrain with a second or third chance at education.
- Fight to ensure that any school re-organisation is based on improving children's education and not selling off public spaces.
- Support residents concerns that health service reorganisation must not be an excuse for cuts and that change leads to improved local services.
- Work with the police and local people to make our streets safer. Everyone should be able to live free from crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Campaign to make sure we keep our promise to end child poverty by securing real investment in our poorest areas. Not enough of our people have benefitted from the huge investment we have seen in the constituency in recent years.



Local Labour background

Brought up by a Welsh father and Zambian mother in Dorset, I have lived in Cardiff South and Penarth for the past 10 years. I represented Butetown on Cardiff Council from 2004-2008.

I am currently President of Wales TUC, a role where I work with Cabinet ministers, MPs, AMs, Local Government leaders and MEPs as well as Trade Union representatives from a wide range of Unions.

I worked for Lorraine Barrett when she was first elected as an Assembly member while I studied at Cardiff University law school.

I trained as a solicitor with Thompsons, who are the largest Trade Union solicitors in the UK and have worked with them as an Employment Solicitor since 2001, working solely for Trade Union members since qualification. I was made a Partner in 2007.

In my job I work daily to represent trade unions and their members. I am responsible for leading and managing relationships with trade unions, politicians, media and the wider public for 2 offices employing 60 staff.

As a grass roots activist I have held many positions including branch chair and secretary, GMC delegate, CLP political education officer and youth officer.

I have first hand experience of the responsibilities of the job.



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Cardiff South & Penarth
Assembly Selection 2011

Local Roots... National Experience



I am seeking your help to become your Labour candidate for Cardiff South and Penarth because I want to make a real difference to the constituency where I live.

We can rightly be proud of what we have achieved, but the recession shows that to be successful in the future the Party needs to change. If we stand for anything in an economic crisis it has to be fairness for ordinary people and families struggling to pay their bills and keep their jobs - a vision for the future that says governments must do more to regulate the excesses of the markets.

I believe I have the campaigning expertise, national experience and above all real Labour values to make a good candidate and an even better AM.

- As a local Labour campaigner for 10 years I know what it takes to deliver for our people.
- I know what it takes to win elections and make my voice heard by government ministers.
- I am only seeking selection in Cardiff South and Penarth.

I don't believe that any constituency is a safe seat. A majority of under 3,000 cannot be taken for granted. I can be a strong voice for Cardiff South & Penarth and make sure we win again not only at the next Assembly election but in future European, General and Council elections.

If I have not yet met you in person I hope to do so over the coming weeks. I would welcome calls or emails if you have any questions about where I stand.

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What I stand for



To keep our constituency Labour

We should all know by now that we can't take any election for granted. The Euro election campaign and the General Election won't be won just because we have a candidate. We have opposition in all parts of the constituency, whether its from the Tories, Lib-Dems or the Nationalists.

To keep in touch with members

I want you to know that you can contact me as easily as possible. To ensure this happens if selected I will not only attend constituency meetings but I will arrange to attend branch meetings across the constituency on a regular basis. I will also make more use of the internet, and regular email communication. If elected I will produce a regular quarterly report for all members.

To keep in touch with the public

I will campaign year round with members and hold regular surgeries across the constituency. If elected, I will keep a fully staffed and accessible office in the constituency. I will work as part of a Labour team - MP, AM, Cllrs and members. I know that as well as traditional campaigning by phone, on the doorstep and on the street we need to use modern campaigning methods so that people know what we stand for and how they can support us.

To re-build our local Party

I know that a candidate can't win an election on their own. We need more members to be active in local campaigning. I will work with trade unions, the Co-op and socialist societies to recruit and engage more members. I believe that every election campaign is not only a fight to win - it is also a time to recruit members. If selected I will contact each identified Labour voter in Cardiff South and Penarth after the Euro elections and ask them to join and take part in our campaigning work.

To be a hard working constituency candidate

I'll fight for every vote. I won the 2004 Butetown council election by just 2 votes. I know that every vote really does count but I also know the importance of a team of volunteers across our party and across the constituency. Each local ward has different priorities and different issues that need addressing, this is particularly true with our constituency which spans two local authorities. Without listening to local members and engaging with local issues we cannot run successful local campaigns.

I know that being an AM is about much more than making speeches, it's a busy demanding job. If I'm elected I'll give up my job as a senior solicitor, making the people of Cardiff South and Penarth my priority.

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