

# NOMINATE

## Suzanne Muna -

*Fighting and winning!*

For Executive Council  
Territorial seat 2015



### Track Record

Suzanne Muna is the Branch Secretary of the multi-employer **Unite Housing Workers branch**, and has been an active trade unionist since 2003. Suzanne has helped to develop the branch into a real organising and mobilising base for members.

The result has been a step change in the disputes fought and won by members:

■ **Successful Strikes** defending pay and conditions at St Mungos Hitchin, One Housing Group (OHG), Equinox, St Mungos Broadway, and the Homes and Communities Agency.

■ **High Profile Disputes** won on strike threats, most notably at Peabody and Look Ahead, the latter securing union recognition for Unite at one of the most ruthlessly business oriented housing associations in our sector.

■ **Action to Defend Sacked Reps** at both Peabody and the 'I'm Bryan' campaign at OHG.

Suzanne is committed to developing reps and lay involvement.

She has taken a lead on developing a new layer of trade union activists in her branch, encouraging and supporting new reps, organising training and resources, and involving them in the lay structures of Unite and United Left.

Suzanne also helped initiate the '**Sector Standards**' campaign promoting industry-wide collective bargaining for housing and social care workers. This mirrors other campaigns to end the toxic effects of service transfers and privatisations - such as defending the JIB in construction, and the campaign for harmonisation of bus workers' pay - that Suzanne has actively supported.

The Standards were developed by Suzanne in her role as chair of Unite's National Housing Forum, and as a delegate on the CYW&NfP RISC and NISC.

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If elected, Suzanne is committed to building on Unite's proud track record of supporting workers in struggle, particularly in the London and Eastern Region. This includes the flagship NHS and Save Our Surgeries campaigns, and the fight to eliminate blacklisting in construction. If elected, Suzanne's programme will include:

■ **Call for greater co-ordination of industrial action.**

The successful day of action for London bus workers on 13 January was an example of what workers can achieve if they stand together. This action, backed by the region, is something we should all be proud of. The inspiring London bus drivers defied the anti-union laws. We must use our political might to demand that the Labour Party agrees to scrap these laws completely.

■ **Support our region's flagship initiatives to stand up for the NHS** against privatisation and cuts, in the Save Our Surgeries campaign, the People's Inquiry into the NHS, and others. The collapse of the first privatised NHS hospital (Hinchingsbrooke) demonstrates (if any more proof were needed) the abject failure of the market in health services.

■ **Ensure Heathrow remains a major European hub** airport and fight for our 35,000 members organised there.

■ **Support the regional initiative to organise major International hotel chains** operating in London. The union must reach out to the tens of thousands of workers in London & Eastern region on precarious contracts

■ **Continue to develop Unite as a leading force against austerity** in all its guises; opposing all cuts and fighting for greater wealth equality. The Syriza victory shows the appetite for opposing austerity.

■ **Further our work organising young people and**

other sections of the community; increasing our strength and relevance beyond the workplace.

■ **Fight to give Unite members a stronger and transparent political voice**, and the union greater political influence in accordance with the policies of the UL. We must exercise our power more effectively in the political arena.

Suzanne says:

**"I am a socialist and wholly opposed to the austerity offensive that makes ordinary people pay for economic crisis. I support our union's opposition to all cuts by national and local government.**

**"The trade union movement still has huge potential power. We are at our best when we fight. We have won and can continue to win significant victories for our members as long as we are committed to taking on those in power."**

## Nomination timetable

**Nomination Period:**

26 January - 28 February

**Last date for receipt of nominations**

12 noon 6 March

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