



Socialist
Health
Association

Elections 2024

This is a list of the Central Council members some elected centrally with their election addresses. The 3 officers and 4 vice chairs are members of the Central Council too.

In addition below are some of the branch elected CC delegates (Scotland and Wales have a single branch) - some additional by-elections will also take place.

SHA CC 2024-2025

1. Ruth Appleton - **London**
2. Nik Barstow - **Manchester**
3. Caroline Bedale (Manchester)
4. Tony Beddow (Cymru / Wales)
5. Antonia Berelson - **SE England**
6. Anne Brown (Northern)
7. Teresa Cairns - **Northern**
8. Carmel Maria Cadden (London)
9. Nicolas Csergo - **London**
10. Gary Clifford - **Cumbria**
11. Norma Dudley - **London**
12. Kait Duerden - **Cymru / Wales**
13. Steve Fairfax - **Northern**
14. Peter Finn - **East of England**
15. Brian Gibbons (Cymru / Wales)
16. Esther Giles - **Treasurer** (SW England)
17. Rathi Guhadasan - **Vice Chair** (London)
18. Jatinder Hayre (London)
19. Mark Inch - **Vice Chair** (SE England)
20. Isha Isidore - **London**
21. Coral Jones - **London**
22. Judith Kramer - **Secretary** (Manchester)
23. Mark Ladbrooke - **Chair** (SE England)
24. Julius Marstrand (SW England)
25. Barbs Roberts - **Vice Chair** (London)
26. Kal Ross (Liverpool)
27. Eileen Rowbotham (SE England)
28. Pat Schan (SE England)
29. Alex Scott-Samuel **Liverpool**
30. Alison Scouller - **Cymru / Wales**
31. Lesley Spillard - Vice Chair (Northern)
32. Inbar Tamari - **London**

33. Claudia Turbet-Delof (London)
34. Judith Varley - **Liverpool**
35. Vivien Walsh - **Manchester**
36. Carmen Williams (E of England)
37. Julian Williams (Yorkshire)
38. Pam Wortley (Northern)
39. Branka Young - **London**
40. *Yorkshire - AGM to be convened awaiting results*
41. *Plymouth - AGM to be convened awaiting results*
42. *E Midlands - AGM to be convened awaiting results*
43. *W Midlands - AGM to be convened awaiting results*
44. *Scotland - awaiting notification*
45. *By Election London*
46. *By Election SE England*
47. *By Election All Britain.*
48. *RMT delegate.*

Kal Ross Central Council



Kal is a specialist in broadcast engineering, events and IT and has been supporting and working with SHA on administrative and IT related matters for a number of years now.

He was previously a member of Central Council and previously co-secretary of SHA Liverpool City Region Branch.

Kal has been a Public Governor for Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool and set up a community support network in South Liverpool during the COVID-19 pandemic which ended up providing a broad range of services, including hot meals, to vulnerable members of his community.

Kal is passionate about the aims of SHA in delivering a comprehensive health and social care system for all and has been an active campaigner against the changes that have led to our NHS being legally carved up for private, profit motivated interests since 2010

Kal would be honoured to serve on SHA Central Council again to continue to support, strengthen and build on the fantastic work that is already underway.

Esther Giles Treasurer



For a Publicly owned and Provided NHS

I joined the NHS in 1981, trained as a public finance professional and worked as finance director in many parts of the NHS, most recently in the South Region as finance director for specialised services.

I joined the SHA because I support its objective to return to a publicly owned and provided-and properly resourced-NHS. We need the internal market removed, the NHS restored to public ownership, and properly resourced on the front-line and in its support services.

I'm standing to be treasurer of the SHA because I'm qualified and politically motivated to deliver the role to the highest professional standard for the service of the membership.

Were I to be re-elected Treasurer, I would continue to work with other elected officers to ensure that the SHA is run to high standards of governance, transparency and accountability.

I will continue to work with Officers and Members to continue our Campaign work for the NHS.

Please contact me to tell me what you require of your treasurer. I look forward to working with you and for our NHS.

Esther Giles
MA; MSc; CPFA

Brian Gibbons Central Council



This year we hope to see the end to the brutal era of Austerity. Over that time life expectancy has declined, health inequalities increased, access to care has deteriorated to totally unacceptable levels and our public services have been eroded by under-investment and continuing privatisation / commercialisation.

This is a Tory record of abysmal failure. The NHS, social care and our wider public services are not safe in their hands. Change is urgently needed and the Socialist Health Association must give an lead in policy and in campaigning.

We must work for a Labour Government which will invest in our public services to tackle inequalities and to promote the quality of life of all our citizens. Our public services are about people working for people to build a better Britain.

We must genuinely value our staff in terms of proper conditions of service and levels of pay which properly recognise their contribution to society. They must also be given the means to meet the challenges we share. Our public services are not the problem, they are the solution.

Our NHS and social care needs reform. Let's start with getting rid of the unproven, demoralising and wasteful experiment in the commercialisation and privatisation of our public services. Let us re-build our NHS and social care in line with our socialist, public service values.

The SHA must campaign to build a fairer, greener and more caring society. We need to provide clear policies on what needs to be done and work together to deliver them. This must be a Central Council top priority.

I was a GP in south Wales and served in the National Assembly for Wales / Senedd and in the Welsh Government.

Tony Beddow Central Council



I have served on central council for a number of years and was instrumental in getting its legal status changed to a limited company. I took the NHS administrative training scheme and became Deputy Administrator at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, moving to Kidderminster to be hospital secretary of the General Hospital. Later posts were assistant District Administrator for North Devon Health Authority, Planning officer for West Glamorgan Health Authority and then Chief Executive of that authority.

I moved to the Welsh Institute of Health and Social Care, University of Glamorgan working on innovative Strategic Plans for the Welsh NHS.

I am an independent member of the local authority scrutiny panel for adult Social Care and a Governor of a primary school.

Politically, I helped in the 1959 general election in Brierley Hill, joining Labour Young Socialists in 1964. I have been election agent for Labour Candidates for Parliamentary Council and Welsh Assembly seats.

Pam Wortley Central Council



I am a retired GP and have been a member of the Labour Party, the SHA (SMA), and Doctors in Unite (ASTMS/ AMICUS) for over 50 years.

The NHS is the greatest example of socialism in action. The SHA, Socialism in its title, is essential to the endeavour to get the NHS back from the privateers and to maintain its ethos - a comprehensive, universal, publicly funded, publicly owned, and publicly accountable NHS, free at the point of use, with the resources needed to provide excellent health care for all on a long-term sustainable basis.

It is essential that the SHA, Health in its title, works to eradicate the poverty and inequalities in society which are contributing to ill-health and loss of life, so apparent now during the cost-of-living crisis.

As Chair of KONP, Sunderland and District, and as a member of the steering Committee of KONP NE, I am an active campaigner against the privatisation and underfunding of the NHS - locally, a keen participant in the Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign, and in Justice for Asylum Seekers.

Before my recent accident, I joined colleagues to march with the SHA Banner in London on one of the Palestine Solidarity protests and gave out hundreds of SHA stickers. I hope to be actively campaigning again shortly.

I am happy to speak on behalf of the SHA at pro NHS rallies protesting the Government's increasing privatisation of our beloved NHS.

I will continue to work to ensure that the SHA is a member-led organisation that campaigns to insist that the Labour Party stays committed to the NHS, to the eradication of privatisation, and to social justice and the eradication of poverty.

Mark Ladbrooke Chair



If re-elected as chair I promise to deepen our current political approach. The SHA must remain an active organisation which campaigns for our principles on the conference floor, the picket line and on the streets. Our position is to re-instate the NHS as a public service rather than a mere commissioning agency which doles out shrinking public funds to parasitic health corporations. This year we have again taken this argument to Labour Conference, fringe events, the Durham Miners Gala and our major London NHS75 Conference.

We are socialists and in over 90 years of our existence our views have not always been popular with the leadership of the Labour Party. This is true today as Labour shifts to the right in a bid for respectability. The SHA is an independent organisation. When the Labour leadership gets it wrong we tell them. We choose to affiliate to Labour and they agree to accept our affiliation.

We should be proud that we used the 75th anniversary of the NHS to build links with Labour leaders, social justice campaigners, trade unionists and radical minded academics. We need a Labour government but that alone will not resolve the awful legacy of 14 years of Tory rule. Our campaigning will need to continue.

The trade union movement is important - the power of solidarity and collective bargaining is a huge leveller. Whatever the complaints of the Telegraph - we will back union struggles. We also are absolutely committed to working with communities and activists.

In the last year our international work has developed rapidly particularly around protests regarding the unfolding tragedy in Gaza. Our stance is quite rightly humanitarian.

I am hugely privileged to be part of a strong leadership team which includes all our active members. Huge thanks to you all for your support.

Carmel Maria Cadden Central Council



My work experience was in adult and secondary education, with a few years as a community networker in Haringey. My daughter is a senior registrar so I'm aware, to some extent, of what's involved in working in the NHS.

Inspired by Corbyn, I joined the Labour Party in 2015, and was a branch secretary in Tottenham CLP from 2018 – 2022. I'm Environment Officer in my local Unite Community branch and part of the Haringey Community

Action Network.

I strongly believe that all NHS services should be carried out by the NHS which must be publicly owned - and democratically accountable.

I'm a member of the Right To Food campaign which aims to make it a statutory requirement for government to take responsibility for the policies they impose that lead to food insecurity. As food bank volunteers, we are uncomfortably aware that we're filling the gap left by government policies that result in poverty wages, unaffordable rents and homes unfit for human habitation. Poverty and poor diet have become serious public health issues, so I support more emphasis on public health and the social determinants of health – and if elected, I would like to serve on the food security working group.

I want to see improvements to NHS services, not just defending what already exists: mental health services in particular, need more resources. NHS staff should have access to a free counselling to help them cope with the after-effects of traumatic work experiences.

There should be more support for NHS work on international health issues – I believe it's vital that medical skills and experience are shared.

All my life the NHS has been there for me - I want to ensure it's there for future generations too. We just need the political will.

Barbara Roberts Vice Chair



I'm a disabled person and socialist campaigner. Member of the Labour Party for the last 13yrs, currently Disability Officer for my CLP of Hackney South.

As an exec member of Disability Labour I've been vocal in calling for a Social Care system which works for all, being the co-author of the Social Care motion Disability Labour submitted to both Women's and National Labour Party conferences.

As a vice-chair of the SHA Central Council I'd continue to be a voice for disabled people. To educate, campaign and develop the policies disabled people desperately need Labour to implement. Full accessibility, especially of meetings and total inclusion. All ableism must be stamped out. And thus any policies the party, once in government, wishes to implement must be drafted co-productively with disabled people.

The emphasis being on the Social Model of Disability, which looks at the differing ways in which people with disabilities and impairments encounter the social restrictions or barriers our society throws at them and of changing the social organisation of society in order to accommodate people with impairments.

I support and will continue to campaign for the creation of a National Care Service. A service that works for people with disabilities, publicly provided and free at the point of use foremost.

I fully support the SHA motion which was passed at the 2022 Labour Party Conference - the NHS must also be a publicly funded, publicly accountable and a publicly provided service. Selling off the NHS by privatisation simply must be halted.

Jatinder Hayre Central Council



As a Medical Doctor and Health Inequality researcher, my professional and personal experiences equip me with the skills to be an effective member of the central council. In 2020, I co-authored the authoritative ‘SAGE Report 21: COVID-19 and Health Inequality’, I’ve previously been on The Fabian Society Health Network executive committee, I’m the national spokesperson for ‘Keep Our NHS Public’ and have worked alongside John McDonnell in ‘Reclaim The Future’. During the pandemic I worked with ‘The Population Health Sciences Institute’ to shine a light on Government policy and cronyism. And currently I am based in Health Equity research at QMUL. At the SHA, we must set the agenda to preserve our NHS and address health inequity.

In addition to this, I have authored multiple academic papers on health inequity and the social determinants of health. Including, a recent review investigating children’s health inequalities through the pandemic. I envisage a proactive and productive SHA, I will unite my campaigning, clinical, and academic background to contribute to the role effectively and to the discourse, especially on the following policies and pledges:

Addressing health inequality and the social determinants of health during the cost-of-living crisis.

- Commit to a paradigm shift away from destructive austerity, towards wide-scale reinvestment based on proportionate universalism.
- Promoting a publicly-funded, publicly-provided NHS, opposing privatisation wherever and whenever we can.
- Committing to a national social care system.
- Opposing the bypassing of general practice as gatekeepers through self-referral mechanisms
- Engaging in future pandemic preparedness.
- Endorsing a “health in all policies” agenda.
- Declaring a state of emergency in the NHS.

Together, utilising our collective experiences, we can create an SHA that is a powerful organising, campaigning, and policy force within the Labour Party.

Pat Schan Central Council



My name is Pat Schan and I would like to be considered again for Central Council of the SHA .I am a retired Midwife with over 45 years service in the NHS . My final role was as a clinical advisor to the National screening programme for Infectious Diseases in pregnancy working on a national review of the uptake of Hepatitis B vaccinations in babies. This work complemented my socialist beliefs in equality and access in health care to all , especially the most vulnerable in our communities.

Last year at the SHA World Transformed fringe at Labour conference , I chaired a very successful SHA event discussing the NHS at 75 which attracted over a hundred attendees and created some powerful discussions.

I passionately believe in the NHS and support all campaigns to keep it public and fully funded .

Anne Brown Central Council



I am Anne Brown, a retired teacher from Newcastle upon Tyne. I am proud to call myself a socialist and I profoundly believe that the NHS, as it was created in 1948, is one of the Labour movement's and this country's greatest achievements: it is, or should be, socialism in action.

I am standing for SHA Central Council because I am incredibly concerned about what is happening in the NHS and I am fearful that, even if a Labour Government is elected, things will not improve. Already the founding principles of the NHS are being chipped away by stealthy privatisation. When Labour MPs including the party leader and the shadow health secretary are in receipt of donations from private health companies, it is incredibly worrying.

In terms of actual health provision, the two areas that I am especially concerned about are preventative medicine and the provision of mental health services. It seems ridiculous that lack of funding and austerity lead to a lack of provision that means patients miss out on early diagnosis and treatment which can have catastrophic consequences as well as being a drain on NHS resources.

I also believe passionately that mental ill health should be treated with the same urgency as physical illness. At the moment there is still too much stigma attached to mental illness and far too little provision, especially for young people.

If elected I will represent the views of those who believe in a fully funded and democratically accountable NHS. Public services should be exactly that, not businesses for shareholders.

Julius Marstrand Central Council



Julius is an active campaigner for the local NHS in Gloucestershire, a Board Member and media spokesperson of Restore Emergency At Cheltenham Hospital (REACH) [<https://www.facebook.com/REACHHospital>], REACH was founded in 2013 in response to the downgrading of the local A&E Department.

REACH is a cross-party campaign which has the support of three District Councils and three MPs. That has made it more difficult for the Hospital Trust to downgrade the Department to an Urgent Treatment Centre.

Although not a clinician, he got involved in campaigning for the NHS and Adult Social Care while working for a local charity representing the needs of older people, who inevitably have the highest level of clinical and social care needs. Through his involvement with the NHS, he stood and was elected as a Public Governor of the local acute Hospital Trust and served for seven and a half years.

He has a particular interest in 'good governance', 'openness and transparency' and the treatment of 'whistle-blowers' in the NHS. He has a network of informants in the local NHS, from Hospital Consultants to frontline A&E staff and paramedics, who keep REACH supplied with information.

Julius is opposed to further privatisation of the NHS and the outsourcing of NHS procedures to the private health sector - it is mostly the same Hospital Consultants who work in the private sector as work in the NHS anyway. He is also opposed to the run-down of local Community Health Services, from Community Hospitals to District Nurses, Health Visitors, Occupational Therapists, Podiatrists, GPs and Dentists, which is what is putting increased and unsustainable pressure on A&E and other Departments.

Carmen Williams Central Council



I came to the UK fifty years ago and for many years taught modern languages in comprehensive schools. After getting an MA in TESOL, I spent the last years of my career as ESOL manager in FE. My teaching was guided by socialist approaches that promote a just and more equal society where no-one's left behind.

A Unite Retired member, I engage in grassroots branch activism. As a PSC and JVL member I actively support Palestinians' right to freedom from Israel's occupation, apartheid and genocide. Still a Labour Party member, I've been CLP Women's Officer and conference delegate. I defend party democracy, under attack from a leadership intent on stifling debate. I have written policy motions to support equality, social justice and internationalism and counter militarism, austerity and racism.

We need a publicly-funded and publicly-delivered NHS. Years of privatisation and underfunding compared to need have left the NHS in crisis. I joined the SHA because of its opposition to privatisation and commitment to a fully-funded and fully-public NHS.

A recent King's Fund report exposes the UK's below-average spend per person, compared to the health systems of 18 other similar countries. Under current Labour fiscal policy it's unlikely the additional levels of funding the NHS needs will be readily provided.

Privatisation drains NHS resources and must be reversed. Emerging evidence suggests that representatives of private healthcare corporations, currently allowed to sit on ICBs, will have a prominent role in making decisions about our healthcare. Profits will guide these decisions, with care quality suffering as a result. Action is needed. However, Wes Streeting's "reform" cannot be the answer if it means turning to those corporate interests which have helped to destabilise and severely undermine the NHS.

If elected, I will promote policies that reflect SAH's internationalism, address NHS needs, and counter privatisation.

Julian Williams Central Council



We all have our own personal experiences and trauma in health and in dealings related to the NHS and its current decline. I speak as an immunologically compromised older patient under more Health Centres than I care to mention (Heart, Lungs, ...) and have been astonished at how I'm now dealing with all these private companies who 'service' the NHS as contractors from GP and consultants. Even some my GPs are in private practice apparently benefitting from being specialists they refer themselves to!

However, let me declare my main interest in SHA. I am an academic and activist passionately but mainly engaged in education, and in education for tackling the global emergencies of climate and biodiversity breakdowns. This leads me to health, which I clearly see as being implicated centrally in these problems. As the planet overheats we will see increasing social crises of health, and as biodiversity decays we will experience more and worse pandemics. A major and essential concern in these health crises is already and will in future be educational. You can make vaccines but you have to educate people to take responsibility.

At the same time I argue that these are global problems: there is little point in fixing vaccines in the UK if the pharma profits make international immunisation impossible.

I hope the SHA will provide an opportunity to discuss these important concerns. I am a convenor of research/working groups on 'Green Research in Education', and 'Free speech/freedom for Palestine' and I would expect to be proactive in similarly promoting such causes in SHA from the CC.

Caroline Bedale Central Council



I campaign in the SHA and other organisations, including the Labour Party, to rebuild the NHS as a publicly funded, publicly provided service. In an election year SHA working groups could provide useful information for Labour candidates and voters, and I will help with this. With the NHS in crisis the SHA must campaign harder to try to ensure Labour Party manifesto policies are consistent with Conference resolutions, and challenge the leadership's apparent acceptance of Tory funding policies and private sector delivery of NHS services.

As a retired NHS worker, UNISON activist and socialist, I deplore the Tories' continuing attacks on the NHS. Years of austerity and encouragement of parasitic private sector profiteers draining resources meant the NHS was poorly equipped to fight covid and its aftermath. Tories have failed to provide sufficient resources for new building, refurbishment and maintenance, so staff often work in inadequate, unsafe buildings. Tories have failed to address staffing shortages or pay staff enough, or provide resources to reduce waiting lists. There is still no parity of esteem for mental health services. Growing health inequalities and falling life expectancy, especially for people from black and minority ethnic heritage, are shocking results of the government's deliberate policy to run down the NHS. Ignoring the real problems of social care, that many care homes and domiciliary services are owned by companies answerable to shareholders not service users, Tories have slashed local authorities' budgets so they cannot meet people's needs.

Please vote for candidates who support a member-led SHA fighting health inequality here and internationally, actively campaigning to defend and improve the NHS and social care.

Judith Kramer Secretary



I am applying to be elected to the role of Secretary of the SHA, I have held this role since November 2023 when I took over from Harry Stratton following his resignation. Prior to this I was a Greater Manchester representative on the Central Council, elected in Feb 2023.

In my brief time as Secretary I have been familiarising myself with the Action Network system and the Admin emails peculiarities.

I am committed to the principles of the SHA promoting health and well-being and the eradication of inequalities.

In the last year I have attended virtual and in person meetings, helping to organise a successful public meeting in March 'Support the Strikers'. I have attended picket lines in Manchester supporting Junior Doctors at two hospitals. I take SHA leaflets, a banner and stickers to these events explaining who we are and what we do.

Since October 7th I have redoubled my efforts to campaign for the rights of Palestinians, attending many vigils and protests often with the SHA banner and stickers, which have been very well received. I fully support the SHA call for a permanent and immediate ceasefire.

My background is in campaigning and activism. I worked in the public sector for most of my working life, for the last 20 years in local authorities as a senior health and safety advisor.

I have been greatly supported by the officers, directors and administrator of the SHA and I am grateful for that.

I am interested in growing the membership of SHA and getting a more prominent position in the media, including social media. I believe that increasing our working with sister organisations, other socialist societies and trades unions will be crucial in the lead up to and following the coming general election.

Lesley Anne Spillard Vice Chair



Despite the Health and Care Bill 2022 passing into law there is still a vital role to play in holding the Government and Integrated Care Systems to account and influence Labour Party policy.

The continued underfunding of the NHS, growing waiting lists, the failure to train sufficient doctors and nurses and NHS staff taking industrial action are all consequences of Government failure whilst the private sector continues to increase profits and shareholder dividends.

I am currently one of the Vice Chairs and was elected at the last national SHA AGM.

Another year has passed with no reform of the Care Sector, no improvement in pay or training and continuing cuts to council budgets. I believe the SHA has an important role to play in lobbying both the Government and Labour Party on social care policy. As Vice Chair I represent the SHA at End Social Care Disgrace (ESCAD) meetings and hope to further this work in the coming year.

Formerly a Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing and Public Health I have a broad knowledge of the issues and responsibilities of local government. I am a member of my surgery patient panel.

If elected I will continue to attend and contribute to meetings, volunteer for working groups/projects and support other members.

Mark Inch Vice Chair



Hello, I have been an NHS patient-facing scientist for the past 5 years, and am unwaveringly dedicated to public sector, free-at-the-point-of-need, healthcare provision. I would be happy to step up to the required 8+ hours per month, with respect and understanding for my current highly intensive working/training hours.

I hope to help further improve the SHA's ability to portray arguments in favour of the bullet points below. Primarily, using economic/statistical evidence to communicate what the humanitarian benefits of our NHS are:

- Retaining public sector contracts in-house
- Keeping free-at-point-of-need access to the NHS for all, including migrants and undocumented individuals
- Increased recognition of the healthcare (and other) contributions, and needs, of ethnic minorities
- Increasing the pay of NHS staff above inflation, from outside the existing budget

The current inability to convey the current UK public health sector crisis, to the general public, is absolutely unacceptable. Regarding all political parties.

I will aim to work towards providing constructive pressure and criticism for the Labour Party Leadership. The sincere improvement of the Party's healthcare & humanitarian policy, significantly improves their chances of winning and keeping power.

My NHS training involves communication, to patients and the healthcare science community, of statistical data which proves factual information based on academic references. I hope to use these skills for communication to the SHA, Labour Party, and general public, as to why a publicly-owned health service is cheaper, better value and provides an outright better service for all without discrimination.

Kind regards, MARK INCH

Rathi Guhadasan Vice Chair

Dr RATHI GUHADASAN MBBS MRCPCH MSC DTM&H



I joined SHA's Central Council in 2023 and became a Vice-Chair in September 2023, when I set up the International Health Working Group. The focus has understandably been on Gaza and if elected, I will emphatically continue this as well as progress our work with Bhopal Medical Appeal and spotlight neglected humanitarian crises. I will also progress planned work on race-based inequality in health and health care and support development of other much-needed workstreams, e.g. maternal and child health and mental health. I am planning an event on the issue of Physician's Associates and going forward would like to support members to campaign on key issues. As a SHA delegate to Labour Conference, I participated in various fringe events and rallies, helping to raise our profile and expand our networks. If elected I hope to continue to develop collaborations with other groups and people outside of SHA. I am also secretary for Brent East CLP and Vice Chair of my ward.

I am a paediatrician with almost thirty years' experience – ten in global child health – and a MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries. My NHS career was split between London, the South-East and Liverpool and I now work in the humanitarian sector. I have a strong understanding of both frontline service delivery and national health policy; and am passionate about tackling racism and health inequalities in the NHS and internationally. I have had a front row seat to the impact that chronic underfunding, outsourcing and influx of the private sector has had on the quality of patient care, and am committed to campaigning for a fully restored, fully publicly provided and publicly funded NHS.

Eileen Rowbotham Central Council



I am seeking re-election to the CC of the SHA as I am keen to support their work lobbying to prevent the creeping privatisation of the NHS.

I first joined the SHA in the mid 1980's after listening to a

Dr David Player from the SHA give a speech at a LP Fringe Meeting about the Tobacco and Alcohol lobbying took place in Westminster and the power they had in influencing MPs directly. This speech left a lasting impression as it confirmed for me the importance of preventative health care with sewage works, clean water, decent housing, nutrition as important to the health of the nation as the need for acute hospital care.

For me it is not "nostalgia" to want an NHS to be based on "free at a point of need" never on the ability to pay for the better off to jump the queue.

We must fight to protect it.

Claudia Turbet-Delof Central Council



Hello, I am a registered BACP Person Centred Counsellor, trade unionist at migrant led, low-paid workers United Voices of the World, former youth worker, Councillor and the Mental Health Champion for the London Borough of Hackney. I hope to count on your vote for Central Council.

My passion for universal healthcare began from my childhood years where neoliberal governments in my native Bolivia meant my family couldn't readily access basic healthcare and treatment, on many occasions relying on international relief programmes to access dentistry care, emergency treatment and even surgery costs.

I've also seen how programmes that have aimed to sterilise women in my communities, targeting specially indigenous women with the pretext of a promise to overcoming socio economic hardship. On my arrival to the UK, like many migrants, I was denied GP registration for nearly three years.

These are some of the inequalities that makes me passionate to fight for access to universal healthcare, for keeping the NHS public, free from privatisation.

As a mental health Person Centred Counsellor, I founded a mental health project that has been offering free counselling therapy and workshops for Hackney residents since 2018 and also launched a petition addressed to then Prime Minister Theresa May demanding mental health care to be our human right and not a luxury, 13,000 people signed it.

As a Labour Councillor in Victoria Ward, Hackney I have continued with my determination for mental health care support resulting in my motion Mental Health a Human Right for All being adopted by Hackney Council last September.

As you can see I have a long track record of continued, proactive work in the health sector, I believe I have the skills, passion and commitment to do my best representing you and our communities health needs at Central Council.

Thank you.