

AMICUS EC ELECTIONS 2003 - SCOTLAND



DAVY BROCKETT

JOINED UNION - 1977
ELECTED SHOP STEWARD - 1982
ELECTED CONVENOR - 1991-Present

TRADE UNION EDUCATION

Various Courses facilitated by the Trades Union Congress. Completed numerous modules at Esher College.

UNION DELEGATE

Attended all major E.E.T.P.U. and A.E.E.U conferences. Represented Union at T.U.C and S.T.U.C conferences. Delegate to Scottish Labour Party Conferences.

CURRENTLY

Member of Local Authorities Regional and National Committees. Member of Regional Political Committee

PRESENT POSITION

Full-time Convenor of Glasgow Council Direct Labour Organisation, Representing 700 members

➤ WHAT I STAND FOR

The forthcoming Executive Council elections are a unique opportunity for the membership of our union to ensure that their interests are truly protected. It is vitally important that the structure of our new executive truly reflects the aspirations of the grassroots membership. Historically, the opinions of the members of both previous sections were not listened to. The obsession with centralist control within both sections which resulted in the previous leadership and our executive council becoming disengaged from the ordinary member should never again be tolerated.

The arrogance of certain members of the Executive Council which included individuals who claimed to represent the interests of the Scottish membership were responsible for attempting to reverse the democratic wishes of the members when Brother Simpson was elected as General Secretary.

**This blatant example of self-interest should never be forgotten
by the membership in Scotland**

As a plumber to trade, I have been employed in local government since leaving school. I was elected as a shop steward in 1983 and currently hold the position of full time convenor within Glasgow's Direct Labour Organisation, where I represent over 700 members. With their support I have been privileged to hold this position for 12 years. The experience I have gained during this time has helped ensure that I have an excellent awareness of the issues, which are important to grassroots members. The support and encouragement, which has prompted me to stand in the election, has come from National and Regional Officials, Senior Stewards and most importantly ordinary members from every section within the Scottish region.

Major issues face the members in the industrial sectors we represent. Our manufacturing base is being decimated at an unacceptable level. Ten thousand jobs are lost every month and the figure is rising. Urgent government action is required to reverse this trend and encourage investment in key areas. Without this and a substantial increase in training, new technology and stronger employment laws the industry could be near extinct in twenty years. In the Scottish financial sector our members have witnessed jobs similar to theirs being "offshored" to third world countries. Due to this there is great uncertainty among workers in the financial sector in this country.

JIM MCAVEETY
(SCOTTISH REGIONAL PRESIDENT MSF)

"I fully support and am confident that Davy will deliver for the Scottish Region."

ANDY JOHNSTON
(CONVENOR THALES)
(Former BARR & STROUD)

"Require strong presence to represent the Scottish region brother Brockett will deliver."

BILLY GOWANS
(CHAIR OF LOCAL AUTHORITY NATIONAL COMMITTEE)

"Davy has been at the forefront of local government campaigning for many years there is no question that he would be an asset for the Scottish Region."

PHILOMENA MUGGINS
(WEST OF SCOTLAND EDUCATION BRANCH & VICE CHAIR OF SCOTTISH REGIONAL COUNCIL)

"The branch supported David and asks the members to do likewise."

HELEN MCFARLANE (HEALTH SERVICE & NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER)

"I fully support brother Brockett in this position and believe he will deliver for the Scottish Region."

COUNCILLOR ALLAN STEWART
(GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL)

"Davy's understanding of the broader trade union issues is second to none and makes him the ideal candidate for the Scottish position."

PETER COURT
(CONVENOR AT THE MICHELLIN TYRE PLANT IN DUNDEE)

"Having known Davy for a number of years I would strongly recommend that you support him for the Scottish Regional Representative."

GRAHAM HUNT
(SCOTTISH WIDOWS & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER OF MSF)

"I would urge members to vote for Davy for the Scottish Regional representative."

The occupational pension plans of our members are also being eroded. There seems no end in sight to this injustice. Pension irregularities in large blue chip companies are being uncovered on an on-going basis. The fears of our members that they could be next are leading to uncertainty and feelings of insecurity that the possibility for some could mean poverty in old age. Amicus must continue to campaign to ensure that the government are committed to more robust legislation to put an end to this crisis.

This is only a fraction of the issues, which face our members in the various sections within our union. In health, local government and in almost every other industry unique challenges lay ahead. What is important is that the interests of our members are represented. In the past many of the current members of the executive council were more interested in advocating so called "partnership working" and "sweetheart deals" even when it was detrimental to the interests of our members and their industries.

My vision is a union, which values diversity and welcomes transparency and debate. To accomplish this we need an executive, which reflects the aspirations of the membership and if elected I will do everything within my power to ensure that this happens. To guarantee this I would ask that you support me in my quest to be elected as the representative for the Scottish Regional Position.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Vote

Davy Brockett

FOR YOUR SCOTTISH REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

- An executive, which truly reflects the opinions of the lay member.
- An executive, which is transparent.
- An executive committed to democratic accountability

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