



**POSITIONS CURRENTLY HELD:**

Senior Representative, City and Guilds, Branch Health and Safety Officer, President. MSF London Regional Council, member MSF section conference Standing Orders Committee, member MSF non-profit sector national advisory committee.

**POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD:**

Workplace representative, workplace Health and Safety representative, branch secretary, branch education officer, regional council secretary, regional council education officer, trades council delegate, Labour Party delegate, conference delegate, TUC delegate, convenor regional non-profit sector advisory committee.

➤ **STATEMENT**

**Dear brothers/sisters**

**I would firstly like to thank those amicus representatives in both the non-profit and business services sectors who have nominated me to stand for the amicus National Executive Council.**

**I am standing for the NEC, as I believe that Amicus has the potential to be a truly great union - a union which fights to improve the pay and conditions of both existing members and those who have yet to be organised.**

**I have much experience in being part of the union group at my workplace, which has won a recognition ballot and has consequently negotiated an above average pay increase, along with enhancements to maternity, paternity and adoption pay and holiday entitlement. Coupled with knowledge and experience of regional and national issues this puts me in good stead to play a role in making Amicus the relevant union for the 21st century.**

**Amicus unity gazette**

**For a democratic union controlled by the members**

**We are standing for election as part of a group of candidates committed to returning the union to its members. We are supported by Amicus Unity Gazette, the grouping that was central to Derek Simpson's election campaign, bringing together activists from both AEEU and MSF.**

For more information, see [www.amicusunitygazette.com](http://www.amicusunitygazette.com) or write to **Bill Young, 22 Swale Road, Rochester, Kent ME2 2TT.**  
If you want to send a donation, please make cheques payable to "Engineering Gazette".

## **IF ELECTED TO THE NEC, I WILL ACTIVELY CAMPAIGN FOR THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:**

- Amicus to be at the forefront of the opposition to the growing use of outsourcing in the non-profit sector.
- Amicus should give full support to all members who are fighting to defend and extend final salary pension provision. We should also campaign for decent state pensions.
- Amicus should actively campaign against all forms of discrimination, in terms of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, age and belief. In particular, we should oppose the proposed government opt out for faith organisations included in the Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003 and actively campaign against racist policies and organisations.
- Due to funding pressures, many non-profit organisations have had their agenda distorted by the need to attract government grants for projects. Amicus should campaign for a funding system which ensures the independence and financial stability of the non-profit sector.
- Development of health and safety campaigns around lone working and working with potentially dangerous clients.
- Amicus should campaign for properly funded public services and that the non-profit sector should not be used as a cheap alternative.
- Amicus' role is to put the interests of its own members first by setting its own agenda and not by having one eye on the government and one eye on the employer, but both eyes on the membership.
- Amicus should actively campaign against anti trade union managements and for union recognition agreements throughout the different sectors of the economy. We need to end the culture of long hours and to that end we should campaign for a 35 hour week and against redundancies.
- For Amicus to reflect the aspirations of its membership, it should be a principled democratic union. To that end there should be
  - Democratic elections at all levels within the union
  - Financial transparency, accountability, openness and honesty
  - A culture where corruption is rooted out.

**IT IS TIME FOR THE NEW AMICUS TO MAKE CHANGES -  
VOTE FOR A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE WHICH PUTS THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS FIRST.**

**If you require further details of the amicus unity gazette campaign, please see either**

**[www.amicusunitygazette.com](http://www.amicusunitygazette.com)**

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**Yours fraternally**

**John Barr**