



Dear Colleague,

## **Policy Forum Toolkit**

Welcome to the Unite Policy Forum Toolkit. These materials are designed to support Unite members in taking an active part in the development of the next Labour party manifesto.

As Joint General Secretary of Unite I know how much Unite members have to contribute on all areas of policy. Policy Forums give the union a chance to make sure the party's policies are firmly rooted in the experience and knowledge of our members.

The Labour party was founded by trade unions to represent the interests of working people. Unite understands that we have a responsibility to ensure the party continues to do that. This is why I am urging you to use this toolkit and to hold a Policy Forum in your workplace or region. This is your chance to have your say in the next Warwick Agreement.

For the same reason I am also hoping you will use the Unite Labour party membership form to bring more of our members into the party. It is through trade union members taking an active part at every level of the party we can strengthen the relationship between Labour and the unions. This link is essential to the renewal of the party as a whole.

This Government may not have delivered everything we would like or gone far enough in some areas. But, without doubt, it has delivered improvements. It is only with a Labour government we have the opportunity to influence policy on behalf of members. We must take this opportunity.

Holding a Policy Forum ensures people can see a purpose to our involvement and influence in the Labour party. The agenda of Unite members can be developed directly from the workplace to government.

With your support we can reconnect the Labour party with the people it should belong to.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Simpson" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derek Simpson  
Joint General Secretary