

Re-elect Vik Chechi-Ribeiro – Black member representative on the National Executive.

After winning the December by-election for the Black member seat on the National Executive, I am standing for re-election for the full 2-year term, asking for your district's nomination and the opportunity to speak at a members' meeting. I am running to continue what I have started - a radical platform of rank-and-file organising, uniting workplace & community struggles and socialist political education. Our programme for this year includes organising events, rep training and reading groups on Prevent, no police in schools, decolonising the curriculum, housing, exclusions, anti-imperialism and other issues.

I have a strong track record of campaigning and organising in our union at school, multi-academy trusts and national level. In 2019/20 I was awarded 'Best new activist' at the Black Educators Conference and 'Rep of the year' for the North West region. I had the honour of chairing the NEU Black lives matter solidarity event that was viewed by over 20,000 people and featured the Reverend Jesse Jackson Snr and Diane Abbott.

If re-elected my priorities would be to continue:

- Being a strong voice on the National Executive for transformative and radical change.
- Uniting workplace and community issues such as the school to prison pipeline, decolonising the curriculum, child poverty and housing
- Building a rank and file movement through 'deep organising' by developing our black members into leaders in their workplaces and communities.
- Organising the unorganised by unionising and developing the workplace power of agency and supply members and campaigning against exploitative outsourcing companies.
- Develop a programme of socialist political education for black members on racism, capitalism and anti-imperialism
- Building a global anti-imperialist black member trade union section – learning from struggles in countries such as Venezuela, Cuba, Palestine, Bolivia, Nigeria and India.
- Commitment to a vibrant and inclusive Black educators conference that showcases the best organising of our movement.
- Develop the capacity of organising forums to campaign in the workplace and community.
- To show solidarity, acknowledge the intersectionality and build strong partnerships with LGBT+ and disabled members organising forums and members.

It would therefore be an honour to receive your district's nomination. I will be a strong voice for black members and empower ourselves to collectively lead the transformational change in our education system and society.

If you want to get in touch and invite me to speak at your district meeting or organising forum please let me know. You can contact me on:

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