



Wendy Hardy standing for re-election for District 3

Derby and Derbyshire,
Nottingham and
Nottinghamshire, Leicester and
Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and
Rutland.



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I would like to introduce myself and to ask for your support

I am Wendy Hardy originally from West Yorkshire but now Derbyshire is my home. I have a reputation for being calm and thoughtful, but I am also able to speak out, especially when supporting members, and this makes me an effective negotiator.

On the Executive I am working to improve the support the Union gives its members. I have been on two working groups working on procedures and guidance, and I am a member of the Member Defence Strategy group and sub-committee. Member Defence is responsible for ensuring members have a supportive Union when they need help.

I have worked as a Teacher and Counsellor in all Key Stages. This experience and skill set supports my work for members in Derby City. I pride myself on the quality support I give members. I have supported members in the independent sector, children's centres, libraries, support staff, teachers, school managers and lecturers. We are all working to provide quality education for our children and young people.

I am the Union Learning Rep and the Health & Safety Rep for Derby City. I have held training events at Derby University and been a presenter and host at the SuperSEND annual conferences. During Covid I have been busy ensuring workplaces have robust risk assessments in place to make sites Covid secure.

2016-2017 I was the President of the Derby and Derbyshire branch. I am now joint Branch Secretary for Derby City, supporting members with problems at work; and providing training events in SEN and Mental Well-Being. A child or young person who is stressed or anxious cannot learn. Staff who are stressed cannot work effectively. Stressed managers make stressed staff.

I was on the consultative panel for Young Minds and the Secretary for CIE (Counselling in Education) and have promoted therapeutic work with children and young people for many years. I am an accredited counsellor and Peer Reviewer with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

I have an Advanced Diploma in SEN, an MA in Counselling, and Honorary BEd. My interests include ballet, playing the piano, singing; and preparing and eating Italian food. Thank you for your time.

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