

Statements for candidates for the Disability seat on the Regional Equality Forum (you can vote for up to 2 people)

Emily Brothers

"I would welcome another opportunity to represent disabled people in Southern Region. I have contributed to a various of initiatives previously, including as a delegate to nation disability and wider equality conferences, serving as a member of the TUC Disabled Members committee.

I currently represent Southern Region on GMB's National Disability Group.

I have been a member of K19 Branch for several years, but now with Isle of Wight Branch and serve as its Equalities Officer.

I bring a breadth of knowledge and experience on disability and wider equality issues having been an activist in the disability movement for 40 years and worked with both Disability rights commission and Equality and Human Rights commission.

If elected I would want to bring plans for training to fruition, improve networking amongst disabled members within Southern Region and continue to advocate for policies and practices that would strengthen the rights of disabled workers."

Niki Palermo

"I would like to be elected for this position because I myself have a hidden physical disability, I am neurodivergent and I also suffer with mental health. I believe with this in mind it makes me able to empathise with all disabilities and fight your corner know matter who you are.

Working as a rep for GMB for a number or years and a convenor for the last 2 has open my eyes to the discrimination from employers towards members, GMB must lead campaigns to improve conditions for all disabled members. It is now time for change and with me having this seat I will be a voice and will be heard in the future of equality for all."

Jo Smith

No Statement