

# NIPSA General Secretary Election



Vote

**Carmel**

**Gates**

Carmel Gates is the candidate who represents the interests of the membership of NIPSA as opposed to the interests of the bureaucratic machine that currently runs the union.

She has been nominated by the NIPSA General Council (Executive Committee) and is supported by NIPSA activists right across the civil and public sector.

## Why a vote for Carmel will make a difference

### - **On pay**

The union bureaucracy has never conducted a serious campaign on pay. During the **term time dispute** they refused members the right to have a ballot for strike action and tried to get them to accept a sell out deal.

**Carmel Gates** is the only candidate who:

- Has consistently fought against low pay and for decent pay rises for all members.
- She actively helped the term time workers win their battle against the employers and the union bureaucracy.

### - **On privatisation**

The union bureaucracy have allowed whole areas of the public service to be handed over to private companies without serious resistance.

Jobs, pay and conditions have all been eroded as a result.

**Carmel Gates** is the only candidate who:

- Has attempted to get NIPSA to launch a serious campaign to protect the wages and conditions of members and to call a complete halt to PFI, PPP and other forms of privatisation.

## On union democracy

The union bureaucracy have consistently opposed giving the membership more say in the running of the union

**Carmel Gates** is the only candidate who:

- Will continue to live on her current salary and will donate the rest of her General Secretary's salary – up to £30,000 difference – to labour and trade union causes
- Supports the election of all senior negotiating officials
- Believes that all officials should be on a workers' wage not on senior management salaries
- Believes in shifting some of the union's resources from headquarters to the branches by allowing branches to hold funds for campaigning purposes

## Your choice in this election is -

Either

To vote for a continuation of the status quo and have your union run by an unaccountable bureaucracy that puts it's own interests first

or

To vote for **CARMEL GATES** - and put the membership back in charge.

Your vote can make the difference.

You have until Nov 8<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote.

Don't miss the opportunity to vote for change

## Vote

<b>Carmel Gates</b>	<b>X</b>
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